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RUSSIANS CUT RAIL AND POWER LINES TO BERLIN CRISIS IN WESTERN SECTORS

Berlin, June 24.
First Russian orders interpreted as "sanctions" against the Western Allies today cut Russian-controlled electric power to the three Western Sectors of Berlin and closed the Berlin-Helmstedt railway, the only rail link between Berlin and the Western Zones.

Pirate Suspects Released

Three men and a woman, detained by the New Territories Police on suspicion of being connected with a pirate gang, were released shortly after 6 p.m. yesterday.

When seen by the "China Mail," one of the released men said that they were taken into custody by a Police patrol (under Sub-Inspector Kitchin) between 7 and 8 p.m. on June 22 at Sha Po Kong Village, Lung Koo Tan, in the Castle Peak district.

They were talking with pirate Lau Chun-ping, whose gang was driven from Lau Fau Shan by Tam Mui, outside his house when the Police party was sighted. Lau ran off, followed by a hail of police bullets, but the informant could not say whether he was hit.

Called upon to put their hands up the men and woman immediately did so. No arms were found on them, but they were taken into custody and brought back to Ping Shun Police Station where three of them were detained up to the time of their release. One of the men was released the same day when it was found that he was a merchant.

Inquiries made by the Police revealed that the suspects were farmers of the village. They were all named Lau.

The informant emphasised that he did not return the police fire.

The Russians said a "technical disturbance" on the lines forced them to shut-down rail services, and according to American sources, the order cutting Russian-supplied electric power was based on an alleged shortage of fuel in the Russian Zone.

As a result of these moves, interpreted in the Western Sectors as "sanctions" threatened by the Russians after the failure of the Berlin currency reform talks on Tuesday, electric power may have to be cut more than 50 per cent in the British, French and American Sectors of the city.

Speaking of the rail shut-down, the Chairman of the Soviet Zone Economic Commission, Herr Heinrich Raj, said that "if Berlin is not supplied by air, we predict very serious economic difficulties in the Western Sectors of the city."

Eleven days ago General Lucius D. Clay, American Commander in Germany, said he thought food could be flown into the city as "a short emergency," but that a long-term programme would be very difficult.

Berlin rumours that the British had protested against the flying of Russian barrage balloons to halt Allied air traffic were denied by a British spokesman, who said "we know nothing of such Russian action."

No Other Route

The Russian announcement that the Helmstedt line was closed, he added, was followed by an order by the Russians that they hope the line would be quickly repaired.

The Russians added that no other route for Allied traffic could be granted in the meantime because it would disrupt Soviet Zone shipments.

In answer to decisions by the Western Allies to bring their own German currency into the three Western Sectors of Berlin, the

Political Adviser to Marshall Visiting Sokolovsky declared last night that the Russians would not recognise the legality of any Western Sectors transactions.

"This," he said, "goes as well for the attitude of the three Western Military Governors and their orders for the behaviour of the Administrator and City Council on the question of Berlin currency reform."

Currency Change

Russian-declared Eastern Zone currency change-over, intended to affect all of Berlin, will begin today at 10 a.m. local time.

Shortly after midnight this morning there were long queues of Germans already waiting on the street before the brilliantly lit and hard-at-work Soviet Sector's banks to exchange their old money for new one.

The Western Sectors' Commissioners announced yesterday that they would bring in their own currency, and the exchange of this for old marks is to begin at 7 a.m. local time, tomorrow, in the Western Sector banks.

In the meantime, only food and chemists' shops were open in the Western Sector, in preparation for the change-over. — Reuter.

ANDRE LEBON ARRIVING ON SUNDAY

Held up in Shanghai for 10 days, the "Andre Lebon" left the Chinese port yesterday for Hong Kong with 104 passengers on board.

The vessel is due to arrive here on Sunday and sail at 8 p.m. the same day, for Marseilles via Saigon.

Messages from Maritimes, the owners of the vessel, told the "China Mail" that a cable received yesterday merely said the ship was leaving for Hong Kong.

Nothing was mentioned about the four members of the crew arrested by the Chinese authorities for allegedly possessing contraband cargo.

The "Andre Lebon" arrived in Shanghai on June 8 and was scheduled to leave the same day. It was delayed following the discovery of contraband, including opium, on board the vessel. Four members of the crew were charged.

NO CLAIM YET ON PREWAR JAP DEBTS

Officially, nothing can be done at present with regard to commercial and other debts due from Japan, a Government spokesman said yesterday, quoting advice received from the Colonial Office.

The spokesman added that an overall settlement of prewar debts due from Japan must be based upon an appropriate agreement between the United Kingdom and Japanese Governments. Negotiation of such settlement was not yet in sight.

In cases, however, where a creditor wishes to take independent action, no objection is raised to his communicating with his Japanese debtor for the purpose of reconciling a prewar debt.

It is not an offence to receive payment from a person in Japan of any money "due in respect of a transaction under which all obligations on the part of the person receiving payment had already been performed when payment was received, and had been performed at a time when the person from whom payment was received was not an enemy."

The spokesman pointed out that in the latter case it was very unlikely that the practical difficulties arising out of financial regulations in Japan, would in most cases prevent the effective payment of prewar debts by Japanese nationals.

PICTURE OF THE DAY FLOWER FESTIVAL



Crowds line the streets in Genzano, a small town near Rome, to see the spectacular flower display to mark the 150th anniversary of the annual flower festival. (A.P. Photo)

FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY MEDICAL FREAK DIES

Nanking, June 24.
Five-year-old boy Ho Tsun-chu, who was delivered of a male fetus on Tuesday, died of intestinal bleeding at 2.55 a.m. today.

Drawings of X-ray pictures are now being taken of the fetus for microscopic examination.

Dr. Hsu Tien-yi, head of the surgery department of the Central Hospital, in an interview with the United Press, theorised that Ho and the fetus possibly were Siamese twins but for some unknown reasons the fetus did not fully develop at the time of the birth of Ho.

Toes Complete

Visiting the Central Hospital laboratory this morning, the United Press correspondent saw the fetus laid out on an enameled tray for examination.

It was now discovered that the fetus also has a head hidden in a cluster of fleshy balls. The head has a thin crop of hair and several unerupted teeth.

The two feet with toes complete were the most developed parts of the fetus body.

Dr. Hsu, who was resident doctor at the University of Chicago's Billings Hospital from 1944 to 1945, said he and his colleagues were now digging up medical reference files for clues to the fetus puzzle. — United Press.

BOMBED SITES STILL VACANT

A survey carried out by the "China Mail" reveals that homes for thousands of people could be found if better use were made of building sites in different parts of the Colony.

The buildings which previously stood on these sites were either looted during the Occupation or destroyed in the course of air-raids.

In the majority of cases, the sites have been taken over by certain parties for the erection of wooden shacks. In other cases, the sites are just rubble heaps.

The shacks built upon the sites are dark and unhygienic, and do not even pretend to conform to the requirements laid down in the Public Health and Building Ordinances.

MOUNTBATTEN BACK HOME

London, June 24.
Earl Mountbatten of Burma arrived at Northolt Airport, near London, last night from India, where on Monday he ended his term of office as the first Governor-General of the Dominion of India.

He was welcomed at the airport by the Duke of Edinburgh and by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, who had come straight from the House of Commons.

Mr. Krishna Menon, High Commissioner for India in London, Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Commonwealth Relations Minister, and Lord Horey, representing the King, were also present. — Reuter.

DR LEIGHTON STUART SUBMITS RESIGNATION

US Ambassador Wants To Return To 'Varsity Post

Peiping, June 24.
Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, American Ambassador to China, said today that he had submitted his resignation to Secretary of State George C. Marshall.

He told the United Press that he would return to his position as President of Yenching University.

When asked if he had submitted his resignation, Dr. Stuart said he had. He added "In a sense my resignation had been in ever since Gen. George C. Marshall became Secretary of State."

From other sources close to the American Ambassador, it was learned that his resignation has been in the hands of Marshall for some time and that the action could not be attributed to forces of pressure in recent weeks in which Dr. Stuart criticised Chinese students for their anti-American attacks, which resulted in severe attacks on the Ambassador from students, professors, politicians and newspapers throughout China.

Dr. Stuart said he wanted to return as President of Yenching University—a post which he held when he was named U.S. Ambassador. During his visit here this week, Dr. Stuart has been asked by students and professors alike to return.

Some Mistakes
Asked by the United Press to verify a report in the Peiping Social Welfare Daily quoting him as telling Yenching students yesterday that the basic American policy toward Japan was correct but that there might be some mistakes in the steps and methods used in carrying out the policy, Dr. Stuart said the report was essentially accurate in the sense that personal disagreements with specific measures anywhere are always possible.

A student spokesman told the United Press that Dr. Stuart yesterday assured "a delegation of colleagues, which called on him to ask him to resign and return to Yenching, that he would if he could."

It will be recalled that Acting President, Dr. W. K. Adolph announced last week he would resign to take up a teaching post in the Peiping Union Medical Centre.

Dr. Stuart is expected to return to Nanking tomorrow. — United Press.

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SEAMEN TRAVEL BY AIR

Demand for Chinese crews from Hong Kong is steadily increasing. The third complement in the last two months is due to leave on Sunday for Canada by air.

A specially-chartered Alaskan Airline plane is expected to arrive at Kai Tak tomorrow to fly the crew to St. John.

The Chinese crew total 45. They will be accompanied by First Officer E. Bjorge and Fourth-Engineer R. A. Barshoff. They have been recruited to man the s.s. "Shahrokh," a 10,000-ton freighter, the agents, Messrs. Waller and Company, told the "China Mail" yesterday.

This will be the third crew complement flown out of Hong Kong since April to work on ships abroad.

The other two crews, who were also accompanied by officers, were flown to Montreal and London.

Nippon Open For Tourists

Tokyo, June 24.
Japan is now open for limited tourist traffic, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters announced today.

Initially, Yokohama or Haneda airport near Tokyo will be ports of entry, but it is expected later that Kure (in the BCOF area in southern Honshu) and Kobe will be opened if there is sufficient demand.

Japan's tourist trade has been repented as a means of acquiring foreign exchange which Japan urgently needs, it was explained.

Japan's revenue from the tourist trade in 1937 reached a peak of US\$25,000,000. — Reuter.

The Weather

A week ride of high pressure covering north China, Korea and the Bohai Sea moving N.E. Another ridge extends from the Pacific anticyclone across the Southern Philippines to Borneo.

A complex low pressure area covers south and central China with depressions centred over Yunnan, the Gulf of Tonkin and the lower Yangtze. This last depression is moving ENE.

Today's Forecast: Moderate SE or South winds, moderate showers with showers mainly night and early morning.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 89.1 deg. Fah. Minimum 78.9 deg. Fah. Sunshine 5.5 hours. Rainfall 10.8 mm. = 0.43 in. Total since Jan. 1—491.3 mm. = 19.34 in. as against an average of 279.6 mm. = 11.01 in.

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CABINET TALKS ON STRIKE

London, June 24.
The Cabinet discussed the dock strike at its regular meeting today but no decisions were disclosed.

Government for the second straight day sent small contingents of troops into the strike-bound docks to move perishable foods but so far made no attempt to shift other cargoes.

One hundred and sixteen Coldstream Guardsmen went on the Clyde wharf in the London docks and unloaded 9,000 fresh eggs from the ships Towark and Copeland.

Sixty other soldiers completed the unloading they began yesterday of tomatoes at the West India Dock.

Hits Export Target
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons that the strike of 20,000 dockers which has paralysed the Port of London for 10 days will cut off millions of dollars worth of British export earnings.

As well as causing hardship and great inconvenience to millions of households, the strike affected the possibility of hitting Britain's six-months export target and widened still further the gap in the balance of payments, Mr. Attlee said.

While Mr. Attlee was speaking it was officially disclosed that the combined appeals of himself and trade union leaders had so far had little effect on the strikers.

Tonight, 1,589 dockers had returned to work, but 19,017 are still idle.

Dockers who met Members of Parliament at the House of Commons had decided that if troops were brought in, the strike would undoubtedly be extended to docks throughout Britain.

But a spokesman of the Central Strike Committee stated after this morning's meeting: "We have not yet made any contact with any other port."

LOSS OF KAIFENG ADMITTED

Shanghai, June 24.
Pro-Government dispatches today admitted that Kaifeng was completely lost and a reported Communist advance to Chengchow, strategic city 30 miles west at the junction of the Lunghai and Peiping-Hankow railways.

The beleaguered garrison of Kaifeng is said to have withdrawn from the city to suburban positions at noon yesterday after stubbornly resisting for six days and nights during which they inflicted more than 20,000 casualties on the Reds.

Communist forces, meanwhile, have turned the brunt of their strength against Chengchow, where the situation has become "most critical," according to reports received in Nanking from Mr. Kao Ching-lung, the Administrative Commissioner in Chengchow. — Reuter.

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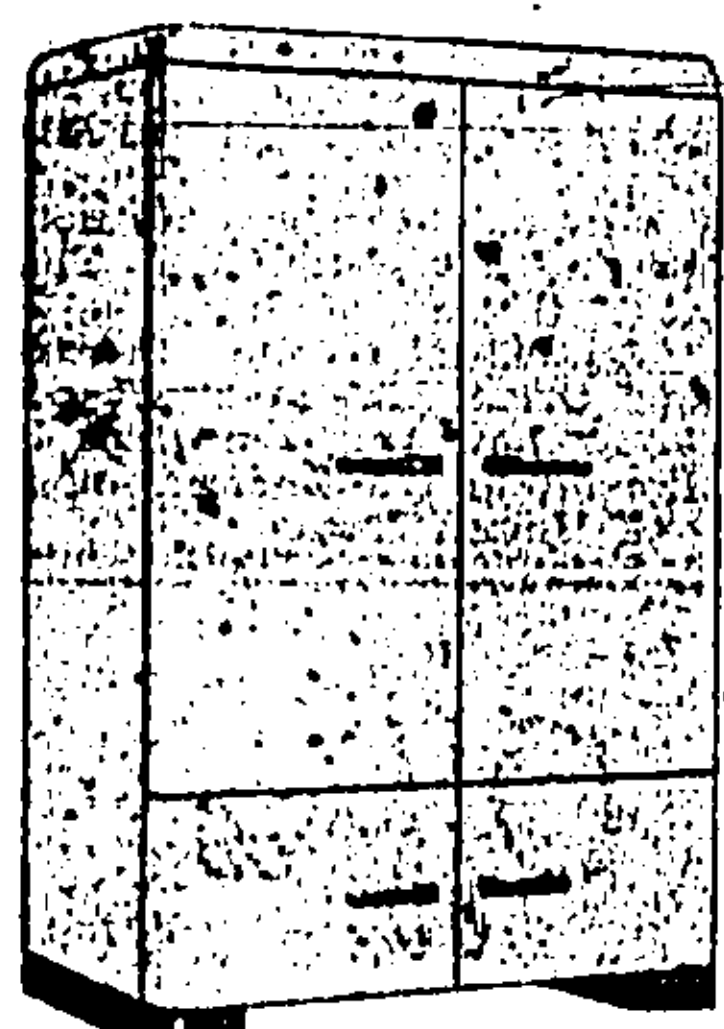
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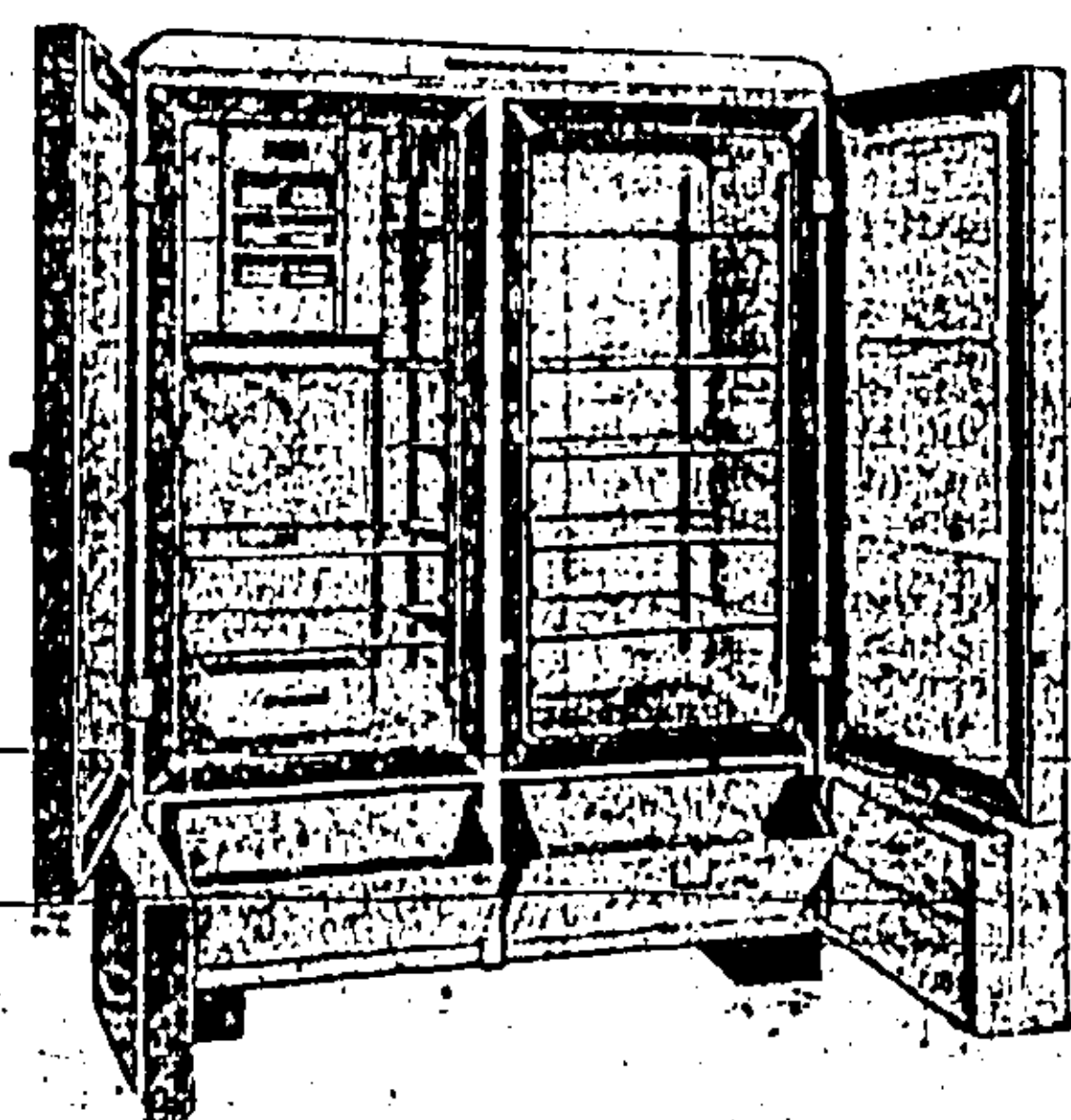
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WOMEN TRADE CHILD FOUND ON STREET

Tong Shu-chun (54), widow, of 54 Stanley Street, second floor, accepted a nine-year-old boy, Cheung Fat-mui, from her friend Tang Ying (25), married woman, even when she knew that the child had been picked up in the streets by her friend.

To protect herself against accusations of kidnapping she had Tang sign a "red paper" agreement in which it was stated that the boy was the natural child of Tang. She further insisted on having Tang and the child photographed together.

Convicted on the charges of taking part in the unlawful transaction of a child and of receiving a child, Tong was fined \$1,500 (or six months) by W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Tang Ying, convicted on the counts of kidnapping the boy and of taking part in the transaction, was sentenced to 18 months' hard

labour. Her husband, Wong Cham (24), was acquitted on both charges.

Were Beggars

Det. Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall said that a report was received at Tai Po Police Station that Cheung Fat-mui had been missing since the evening of May 3, from 50 Kam Shan Village.

Investigations revealed the fact that the boy had been in the habit of going out to Tai Po Market and beg for alms. It was further learned that he was often seen in the company of Tang and Wong who were also beggars.

In the morning of May 21, PC 1332 saw the couple at Tai Po Market and recognised them from their descriptions circulated. He questioned them and brought them back to the Station where they admitted having taken away the child and disposing of him to Sze Koo.

"Out of Pity"

On information supplied by the women, Det. Lai Kim called at 54 Stanley Street, second floor, but the woman was not in. She called at the Tai Po Police Station on the following day and told Sub-Inspector Wall that she had the boy sent back to her son at Wu Shek Nam and that she had asked her godson to bring the boy back immediately she learned of the Police visit.

On the way back to Hong Kong, the widow and the detective met her godson and the young lad.

Charged, Tong said that Tang brought the child to her and told her that she (Tang) could not support him any longer. When she refused to accept the boy, Tang urged her to do so and finally she agreed out of pity for them. She was told by Tang that the boy was picked up from the streets and that was why she did not want him.

Overruled

Tang stated that she gave the boy to Sze Koo (Tong). As she did not know the law she asked Sze Koo for several tens of dollars. The reasons why she took the boy away was because he told her he had no parents. She took him with her and looked after him for two days after which, finding herself unable to support him, she gave him away to Sze Koo.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland, R.S., on behalf of Tong, submitted that he had no case to answer, but was overruled by the magistrate. When Tong went into the witness box she admitted to the Magistrate that she was told by Tang that the child had been picked up from the street, and that she gave the woman \$50 at first and then another \$20 on the day following the presentation of the child to her.

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD THIEF CANED

Among the 60 juveniles who appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday was a eight-year-old boy charged with larceny.

According to the Police, defendant was seen by Mak Ling, a 15-year-old boy, on the morning of June 23 stealing an axe from a carpenter's kit-bag at the staircase of 145 Prince Edward Road.

So enraged was the carpenter, Hui Chun-kuen, in his work that he did not hear Mak's warning shout. So Mak chased after the small lad and caught him further down the road. In the ensuing struggle, Mak was bitten on the hand by the defendant. Defendant was ordered to receive two strokes of the cane.

Expelled Again

Expelled from the Colony in Dec. 1947, after his second conviction for larceny, and banished for life on March 17 on conviction for larceny from the person and breach of expulsion order, Wong Ha-chai (18) was sentenced to a year's hard labour and recommended for re-banishment at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector J. Orem informed Magistrate Latimer that defendant was arrested by two detectives at Bowring Street on the morning of June 22 on suspicion of being a banished.

FORGERY CHARGES ADJOURNED

Before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday, Ho Wan-king, Lee Man-cheong and Yip Kwong-kwong were charged on three counts of conspiracy to utter forged notes, possession of forged notes and uttering forged notes.

On the application of Mr. Macdonald, who pleaded guilty for all the defendants, the case was adjourned for further hearing until 11.15 afternoon of July 28.

Detective Inspector J. W. Williams prosecuted.

Countermove To The Law

Action taken by Magistrates to terminate the tenancy between a landlord and the tenant of premises used for immoral or illegal purposes has led to a counter move by brothel and opium divers keepers to circumvent the law.

The counter move is to erect wooden shacks on the roof top of premises occupied by them.

As the stairway in the case of the buildings concerned is usually accessible to all and sundry, any raid carried out by the Police could not possibly involve any of the tenants on the ground and upper floors of the buildings.

Any girl arrested by the Police during a raid would, as a matter of course, give an address in some other part of the Colony as that her association with any tenant of the premises could not be established.

Neighbours In Court

Facing each other across Woosung Street were a brothel and an opium den, both of which were raided by Chief Inspector S. G. Smith on the night of June 23.

The brothel keeper, Wong Ng (65, widow), was fined \$250 or three months' imprisonment before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for being in charge of 88 Woosung Street, first floor.

Tsui Ping, 28, unemployed, was fined \$200 (or two months' hard labour) when he pleaded guilty before the same Magistrate to keeping an opium den at 85 Woosung Street, second floor. His two customers were fined \$35 each.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted in both cases. Arrested by Inspector Chan-ling on June 23 at 94 Wuhu Street, first floor, Tang Fat (44), painter, was fined \$500 (or three months' hard labour) by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of possession of five tins of raw opium. SI Howarth prosecuted.

Prepared To Take His Case To UK

Declaring that he would appeal to the highest courts in Hong Kong, to the highest courts in England if need be, Mr. M. A. da Silva asked Mr. Hin-shing Lo to register a conviction against his client so that he could appeal.

Mr. Silva was appearing for Mak Yu Chuen, at Central yesterday charged with possessing a printing press without a licence.

At the last hearing, evidence was given by Inspector Ridyard B. Davies and Mr. Silva said that according to the Ordinance the definition of a printing press was apparatus and machinery used to reproduce words.

If this applied to hand-operated duplicators then a typewriter would also come under the definition of a printing press.

Technical Guilt

Mr. Lo said that he thought defendant was guilty of a technical offence and that the definition was apparatus and machinery but it did not mean the two words were just something operated by motive power. It could be a hand-operated printing press, as defendant had in his possession.

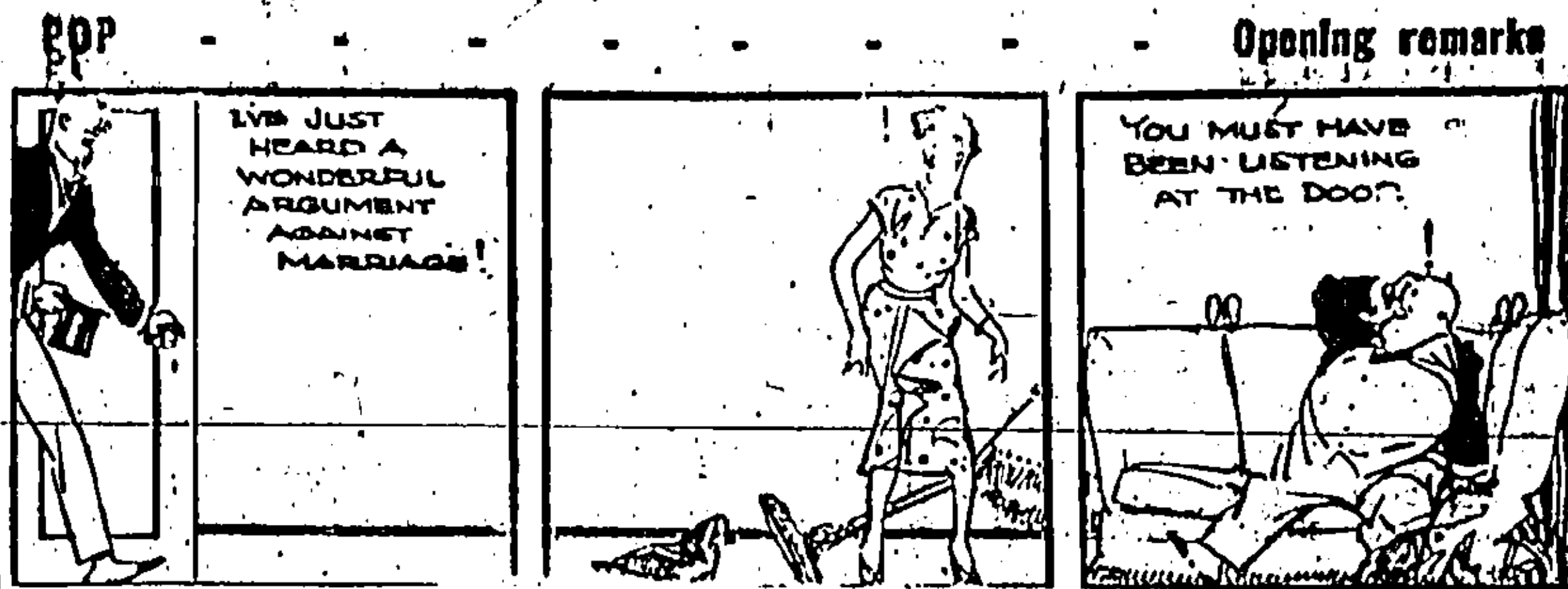
Mr. Silva asked Mr. Lo to convict his client so that he could appeal, though he also asked the magistrate to dismiss his client under the First Offender's Act.

A caution was registered and the printing press (actually only a chess board converted into a home made printing board) forfeited to the police.

Mr. Silva asked the police not to destroy the board as he would most likely appeal against the sentence.

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MACKINTOSH TENANCY CASE NEARING END

Hearing of evidence in the Mackintosh Tenancy Case was concluded yesterday before Tribunal "A" presided over by Mr. D. L. Strelloff.

The afternoon was devoted to submissions by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, counsel for Louis Mercado and Mrs. D. Kovach, whose eviction from Shop C, Alexandra Building, is sought by Mackintosh Ltd.

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, for Mackintosh Ltd., will make his submissions this morning.

Louis Mercado, in further cross examination by Mr. Wright, admitted that he knew in September 1945 that there would be a great demand for goods as sold by Mackintosh's in view of the war years, and that he also knew Mackintosh's were in need of their premises to resume business.

Allowed To Remain

Asked by the Magistrate whether he had been asked by Mackintosh for the premises, he replied in the affirmative. He thought, however, he was allowed to remain on as a result of some arrangement made between Mr. Field, Secretary of the Hong Kong Land Investment Co. Ltd., the landlords, and Mackintosh Ltd.

Mercado said he knew about the Tenancy Proclamation in 1949 but did not know he was protected. He knew, however, that when Mackintosh's sent him a bill for rent they could not evict him.

Referring to correspondence in which it was stated that his tenancy was subject to termination on the return of Mackintosh Ltd., Mercado said he saw no need to deny it in writing, as according to advice from his solicitor, Mr. P. L. Lam, there was in fact no agreement to this effect.

Asked if he was aware that the Hong Kong Land Investment Co.

did not want him back in Gloucester Arcade, Mercado said he desired to explain the reason for this reluctance. When Mr. Strelloff said it was irrelevant, Mr. Bernacchi insisted that his client should be heard as in any case he could later bring it out in re-examination. The Magistrate eventually agreed.

Suffered Badly

Mercado then explained that as a result of the evacuation of women and children in 1940 his business suffered badly, and Mr. Eager, then Secretary of the Land Investment Co. reduced his rent, and was most sympathetic. It was Mr. Eager's desire to have all his tenants in Gloucester Arcade, and "If Mr. Eager was here and alive today I am sure I would have been given back my shop in the Arcade," concluded Mercado with some feeling.

In further cross examination Mercado admitted he knew the Land Investment Company never intended to give him any premises in Gloucester Arcade, but he was hoping that Mr. Field might eventually change his mind.

Re-examined by Mr. Bernacchi, Mercado said there was no in-coming whatever from Mr. Field at any time that he would have to give up the shop on the return of Mackintosh's.

Heroin Arms Fills Court

The fragrant aroma of heroin filled the Pulpit Judge's Court yesterday as Lung Wing faced Mr. Justice T. J. Gould on a heroin charge. Exhibits of the drug, with the paraphernalia for making the pills, were on counsel's table and on the floor.

The accused, also known as Luk Chuk (sixth uncle), admitted he was a trafficker in heroin, but denied the charge of possession and of managing and permitting a place used for the manufacture of heroin pills.

He was, however, found guilty by a jury after five minutes' deliberation, and was sentenced to a term of seven years' hard labour.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, who conducted the prosecution, said the Police raiding 257 Portland Street on March 29, in connection with another case, stumbled on the heroin, and Chan Kwong, who was the only person on the premises at the time, was arrested.

Chan was convicted at the last Sessions on a charge of possession and assisting in management, but sentence was deferred following information given by him to the Police. With the assistance of his brother, the alleged real owner of the heroin, Lung Wing, was apprehended.

After the jury had returned their verdict yesterday, Chan Kwong was also brought up for sentence. He was given three years' hard labour, the judge remarking that he had taken into consideration the help he had given to the Police.

Tramwaymen Face Defraud Charge

Fifteen Tramway Inspectors and one conductor appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, all charged with conspiracy to defraud the Tramway Company of passengers' fares, and were remanded formally for one week.

Bail in the sum of \$1,500 each was allowed.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. P. A. L. Vire, will prosecute on behalf of the Tramway Company. Inspector Mortimer for the police, Mr. J. M. d'Almada, Rome for one of the defendants and Mr. P. C. Yee for three others.

Not BOAC Hostess

Following yesterday's "China Mail" story stating that Lucy Cheung, air hostess, was found to be concealing 14 bars of gold as she boarded a BOAC plane at Kai Tak, a BOAC spokesman in Hong Kong pointed out that his Company do not employ air hostesses. He added that the incident had nothing whatever to do with BOAC. The mistake arose through an error of type, when the letters BOAC were unfortunately substituted for P.O.A.S.

Police "Look" Pays Off

Nearly 100 tins of raw and prepared opium, together with all the paraphernalia for boiling opium, were seized by Chief Inspector F. J. Clarke and detectives from Sham-shuipo in the early hours of June 9.

A man and a woman, found sleeping in the rear room of a public house at the time of the Police visit, were arrested. On their appearing before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Lo Wah (44), was sentenced to eight months' hard labour plus a fine of \$7,000 (or another four months), while the woman, Sun Cheong (45), received four months' plus a fine of \$7,000 or another four months.

Chief Inspector Clarke said when he raided the rear room of 88 Apiti Street, first floor, he saw the couple sleeping in bed, with the door fastened from the inside. When the door was opened to the Police he asked the man whether they had any opium. He replied, "No, You Look."

In their "look" around the cubicle, said CI Clarke, the Police discovered seven large packets, four small packets, a tin, a large jar, a small jar, and a glass behind the partition. In all these containers were found opium. Opium pipes, weighing scales, liquid in which opium had been boiled, cloth strainer, and opium residue in two pans were found under the bed.

Careless Drivers Fined

Law Yan, driver of lorry 5320, and To Keung (lorry 6991) were fined \$25 each when they admitted before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to having driven without due care and attention, on May 21 and May 9, respectively.

Another lorry driver, Chung Pak-cheung (lorry 4099), was charged with a similar offence while Edu Hong-hing driver of motor-car 4582, was fined \$25, and ordered to pay \$30 compensation for a similar offence.

Sub-Inspector W. Appa prosecuted in all cases.

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Canton, June 24.—The Farmers' Bank of China has loaned \$704,470 million to farmers in Kwangtung Province since March this year, reports the "China Daily News." The loans were granted in accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the report adds. Re-

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3. The danger area includes all that part of Lyemun between the old Police Station, Kung Am Point, Pak Sha Wan and Lyemun Barracks. It includes the whole village of Ah Kung Ngam.

4. At 09.45 a.m. Tailcoo Dockyard will sound one long warning signal on the dockyard siren. The area within 500 yards of the magazine must be evacuated by this signal.

5. Persons living within the danger area are advised to remove all valuable movable property to avoid loss or damage during the period of evacuation.

6. At 10.27 a.m. Tailcoo Dockyard siren will commence to sound a long fluctuating signal lasting until 10.30 a.m. when the explosion will take place.

7. This is the final urgent signal for all persons within one mile of Lyemun to take immediate cover from falling stones. This includes all that part of Shaikwan between Tailcoo Dockyard and the old Police Station, Sai Wan Bay and Sam Ka Tsun.

8. As there may be more than one explosion, people within one mile must remain under cover until permitted by Police on duty to move about.

9. Orders given by Police are for the sole purpose of preventing injury to life and limb and must be obeyed.

10. **TRAFFIC** The main road between the east wall of Tailcoo Dockyard and Tai Tam Gap will be closed to traffic from 9.45 a.m. until the All Clear is given by Police. This is anticipated not earlier than 11.00 a.m., and may be extended according to advice from the Military authorities.

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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.
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AUTHORITY:—

Marine Department.

J. JOLLY,
Director of Marine.

Marine Department,
Hong Kong, 21st June, 1948.

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GEN. RITCHIE CONFERS ON MALAYAN VIOLENCE

Singapore, June 23.

Sir Neil Ritchie, Commander-in-Chief, South East Asia Land Forces, flew to Kuala Lumpur from Singapore, today to confer with the High Commissioner and Army chiefs on the disturbed situation in Malaya.

Troops and police were taking up new positions throughout the peninsula today as the uneasy quiet, tense after last week's murder wave, was broken by the new clash between Chinese gangsters and police at Bidor, 40 miles south of Ipoh.

The Royal Air Force Regiment has taken up garrison duties in the northernmost state of Kedah and the southernmost state of Johore.

According to the "Straits Times," Selangor planters yesterday asked the High Commissioner, Sir Edward Gent, to order immediate action on a military scale against the present lawlessness and, if necessary, to ask London for reinforcements.

Proscribed Unions

In London, Mr. John Platts Mills, who was expelled from the Labour Party because of alleged pro-Communist views, asked the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, in the House of Commons today why he was not consulted by the Government of Malaya about the decision to outlaw the Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions, the nine State Federations of Trade Unions, and the Trengganu General Labour Union.

The Colonial Secretary replied: "There was no occasion to consult me. These bodies did not comply with the requirements of the Trade Union Law, by the Federation of Malaya on their applications for registration."

"They have not been registered because of this. They are, consequently, deemed by law to be unlawful associations but have the right to appeal within 30 days against the refusal of the Registrar of Trade Unions, in the first instance to the Chief Secretary, and in the second to the Supreme Court."

The Next Stage

Mr. Platts Mills: "Will you take us to the next stage and resist a plea by the Governor to obtain powers to deport British citizens who are leading figures in these trade unions, knowing, as you do, that the object of the Governor is to send these proposed deportees to that small part of China still governed by Chiang Kai-shek, where they will be executed."

Mr. Creech Jones: "That is an entirely different matter. The question is concerned with registration."

Mr. William Gallagher, Communist, asked if it was not the case that the big rubber planters and the monopolies were responsible for the suppression of the trade unions. They felt, he said, that they could do anything now that the Labour Government was in office.

HKVDC ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride, E.D., Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. Order No. 19/48, dated June 24, 1948:

Presentation of Efficiency Decorations and Efficiency Medals, June 29, 1948. All officers of the Corps and Volunteers concerned are reminded that the presentation of Efficiency Decorations and Efficiency Medals by His Excellency the Governor will take place at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 1948, at Government House, Dress-Civilian clothes.

H.K.V.D.C. Historical Committee. The next full meeting of the Committee will be held at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, July 8, 1948, and not July 1 as previously arranged. All members are requested to attend.

War Salaries. Applications from personnel who consider themselves as qualified under the terms of the announcement on the award of extra pay to H.K.V.D.C. published in the British and Chinese newspapers on Sunday, June 14 and Monday, June 15 will submit their claims to the Adjutant.

"Q" Centre. The Centre will not be held this week. The next lecture will be given on Tuesday, July 6 at 8.45 p.m. in the lecture room, at Corps HQ.

Part 2. Orders—Order No. 21/48: Strength-Decrease. 3630 Pte. Petrov, R.M. No. 5 Coy. w.e.f. 8.4.48; 1955 Pte. Nunes, V.M. No. 5 Coy. w.e.f. 10.6.48; 2582 L/Sgt. Ooh, K.T. No. 6 Coy. w.e.f. 12.6.48; 2118 Pte. Kato, L.A. 1948 Ambulance, w.e.f. 22.6.48. (Sgd.) J. WESTON, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. Corps.

Another Indonesia Deadlock

Batavia, June 23.

The United Nations good office committee in Indonesia today announced that it was reporting to the Security Council on the latest deadlock in the Dutch-Republican talks for a political settlement.

The deadlock arose earlier today when the Dutch delegates to the negotiators steering committee objected to the inclusion in the agenda of a working paper on suggestions for a settlement, submitted by two of the good offices committee.

This was the first time the steering committee had met since the Dutch suspended negotiations last week, after the alleged publication of confidential documents containing the suggestions. Mr. Charles Ogburn, acting as chairman in place of Mr. Dubois, stressed the seriousness of the situation and appealed to both sides to seek a formula, making it possible to discuss the working paper on its merits.

Mr. Dubois, who is suffering from strain, is returning to the United States by sea in a fortnight. He has been forbidden to go by air.—Reuter.

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that at the same place and on the same date at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shanghai Land Investment Company Ltd. will be held when a special resolution will be proposed for the purpose of altering the Company's Articles of Association in the manner specified in the Circular already posted to Shareholders.

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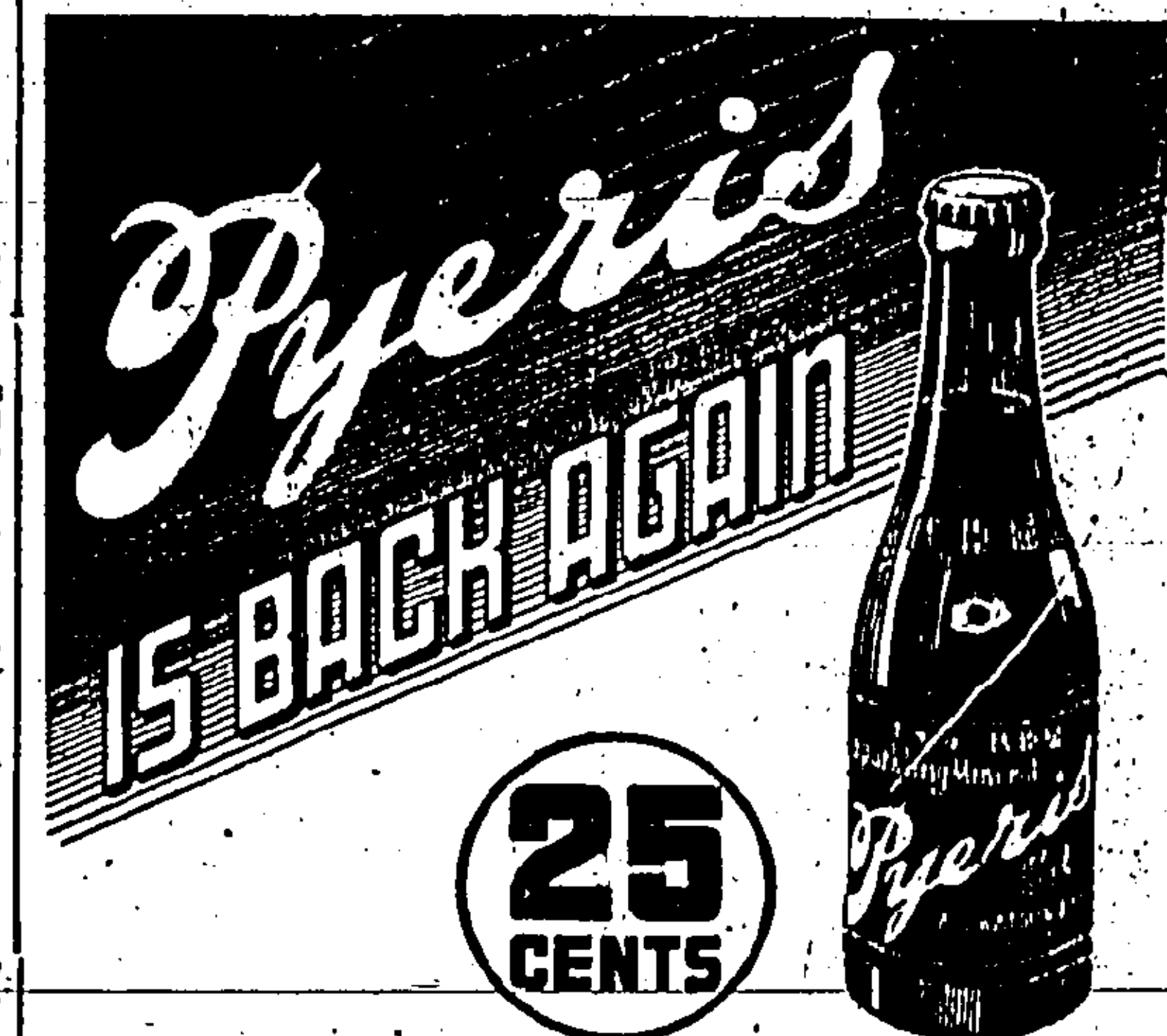
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VANDENBERG TO STAND Allows Name To Go Forward For Nomination

Dewey's Bid For Quick Triumph

Philadelphia, June 23.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg today gave his consent for his name to be placed in the nomination for the Presidency of the United States at the Republican Convention here, which opens the balloting for this party's candidate today. His move cheered Presidential hopefuls—led by Senator Robert A. Taft and Mr. Harold Stassen—who were trying desperately to halt Governor Thomas E. Dewey's bid for the nomination in an early ballot.

They felt that Senator Vandenberg's name before the Convention would hold from Mr. Dewey some votes which otherwise might rush to him. Senator Vandenberg insisted he is not actively seeking the nomination but Mr. Sigler, Governor of Michigan, said he had obtained the Senator's consent for him to put up his name.

A few hours before the first voting in the Convention balloting which may decide the next President of the United States, supporters of Senator Robert Taft and Mr. Stassen had failed to oust Mr. Dewey from his leading position in the "nomination race."

"Stop Dewey"

Backers of the two held a series of meetings throughout the day in a desperate attempt to form a "Stop Dewey" coalition. Mr. Taft and Mr. Stassen themselves met secretly last night and again this morning.

The nomination speeches were to be made at tonight's session and the voting is due to start tomorrow morning.

As Mr. Stassen told journalists today that "Rocket Buster" Dewey lacked the majority to secure the nomination, some of the large delegations attending the Convention weighed in with more pledges of support for Mr. Dewey.

Senator James P. Kem, Chairman of the Missouri delegation, announced: "I have decided to support Governor Dewey. I believe he will be the next President of the United States."

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1.15 p.m.—News and Weather Report and Announcements.
1.30 p.m.—"All Join In" Introduced by Bobby Haines. (B.H.C.T.S.)
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: "Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Graham. Presented by Phillipa Gosselin. (Studio)
6.30 p.m.—"One Night Stand" Presented by Phillip Hume. (Studio)
7.00 p.m.—"See You" Talks on Sport. (Studio)
7.10 p.m.—"Accent on Rhythm". (B.H.C.T.S.)
7.25 p.m.—A Popular Concert.
8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay)
8.15 p.m.—"The Beggar Opera" (John Gay and Frederick Austin). With Michael Redgrave, Alva Brough, Audrey Mitham, Linda Grey, Roy Henderson, Bruce Flegg and Constance Willis.
9.05 p.m.—Interlude.
9.15 p.m.—Commentary on the 2nd Test Match. (London Relay)
9.30 p.m.—"I Remember" Presented by Clifford Davies. (Studio)
10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay)
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—Debut: "Pelle Rulle".... Symphony Orchestra.
10.30 p.m.—Dance in Ted Heath and His Orchestra, with Paul Carpenter. (B.H.C.T.S.)
11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

GREEK ARMY'S SWIFT ADVANCES

Athens, June 23.
Fast-moving spearheads of the Greek Army have reached the Albanian border both north and south of Mount Grammos, isolating General Markos' guerrilla stronghold.

In the northern Nestorian sector, Government troops have advanced to the Albanian border, closing the horse-shoe around Mount Grammos.

In the south, Army units, pressing on to Kamenikon, drove back in fierce fighting guerrillas alleged to be coming in from Albania to outflank their positions.

United Nations observers were expected to arrive in the Kamenikon area tonight to investigate the Greek Army commander's charge that the guerrillas were freely using Albanian territory.

Earlier, Government forces were reported to have captured 44 villages near Koniza, to the southwest, and steamrollering guerrilla resistance down the nearby Brandapores Valley.

The main blow against General Markos is expected to be the north, where fierce fighting for fortified Amouda was reported today.

Greek artillery shelled the guerrilla defences while advance patrols were reported to have reached the Markos positions. An artillery duel thundered in the northern Nestorian area.

In the centre, Greek Army forces attacked near Ephatori, northwest of Grevena.

King Paul left Athens by air today for the battle areas, and tomorrow, the 87-year-old Prime Minister, M. Themistokles Sophoulis, will follow.

Markos Silent

Military quarters predicted today that the Greek fighting would need three weeks to master the fortifications on the heights of Grammos, and a month after that to comb out and clear up the area.

General Markos' "Free Greek" Radio has been silent for two days. According to reports, guerrillas who withdrew under Army pressure yesterday, crossed the Albanian border, then recrossed in an attempt to outflank the Greek Army units pressing on to Kamenikon. Greek Army

Hongkong Rice Loan

Manila, June 23.
The Philippines has successfully negotiated a 10,000-ton rice loan with the Hong Kong Government. The Department of Foreign Affairs was informed by cable today by Senator Gregorio S. Villaseñor, head of the Philippines Rice Purchasing Agency in Bangkok, Bangkok, Thailand.

Singapore A White Elephant

London, June 23.
Capital expenditure on the Singapore naval base since the war has amounted to £1,600,000, Mr. W. J. Edwards, the Civil Lord of the Admiralty, said in a Parliamentary reply today.

This figure includes rehabilitation. Mr. Edwards did not reply when Mr. Thomas Scollan, Labour, asked: "In view of the ineffectiveness of the previous £250,000 spent on Singapore and the fact that the military and naval experts in their prognostications proved to be all wrong, does the Government now propose to pour several more millions down the drain, giving us a white elephant at Singapore like the last one?"—Reuter.

Attack On Tokyo Minister

Tokyo, June 24.
Opposition chances to oust the Social Democratic Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Suehiro Nishio, with a non-confidence vote appeared remote today as left-wing elements of the Social Democrats at an 11th-hour meeting last night decided to side with the Government in the vote to be presented to the Diet this afternoon.

Earlier reports that the left-wing Social Democrats would vote with the Opposition in a non-confidence motion would have certainly given the Opposition a majority.

The left-wing decision, however, in no way affects their intention to bring Mr. Nishio to account for the scandal he caused by receiving a 500,000 yen donation.

It is understood that the left-wingers will take positive action against Mr. Nishio within two or three days.

Political observers predicted that after the passing of the Budget Bill, the rapidly increasing strength of the Conservative opposition, coupled with the thrashing-out of the Nishio scandal, would compel the Cabinet to resign or make way for a general election.—Reuter.

JAP STUDENT STRIKE SPREADING

Tokyo, June 24.
The two-day-old strike of 75,000 state-operated college and university students showed signs of reaching nation-wide proportions with the participation of students on Kyushu Island.

The strike shows no signs of settlement as the Government remains adamant in its refusal to reconsider its three-fold increases in tuition fees.

The Japanese press reported that students in the Kanai area, including Osaka, will soon join in the walk-out.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE By Shepard Barclay

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MOST bridge books prescribe a fixed amount of high-card strength as a minimum for an informational or takeout double. Usually it is about three and a half honour tricks, or a 15 count if the hand is valued on the basis of ace 4, king 3, queen 2, jack 1. But nothing like that amount is required by any fine player for such a double if the preceding two players had passed and his own pass would lose the bidding. Then a double of an adverse suit bid, which can be answered by a suit bid of one or two, requires just about an average hand unless its distribution is very unfavourable.

SAQ 853
HQ3
D962
CAJ7
SKJ74
2 H65
DAK
CK1052
N
W
E
S
S9 HK109
7 D10654
C9843

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)
West North East South
1 S Pass Pass Pass
2 That was the worst bidding by South—or lack of bidding—at five tables of a duplicate game where the opening of 1-Spade by West was passed by the next two. West was permitted to play the deal at his not-doubled contract and went down four for a score of just 200 by North and South. North stormed then that South should have doubled, and his

partner, pleaded "I didn't have anywhere near three and a half tricks."
Another South, who bid 2-Hearts in that position, was allowed to play it at that and made exactly three for a score of 90 plus part-score bonus of 50, total 140.

A third South bid 2-Hearts and his partner 2-No Trumps, made on the head for a score of 120.

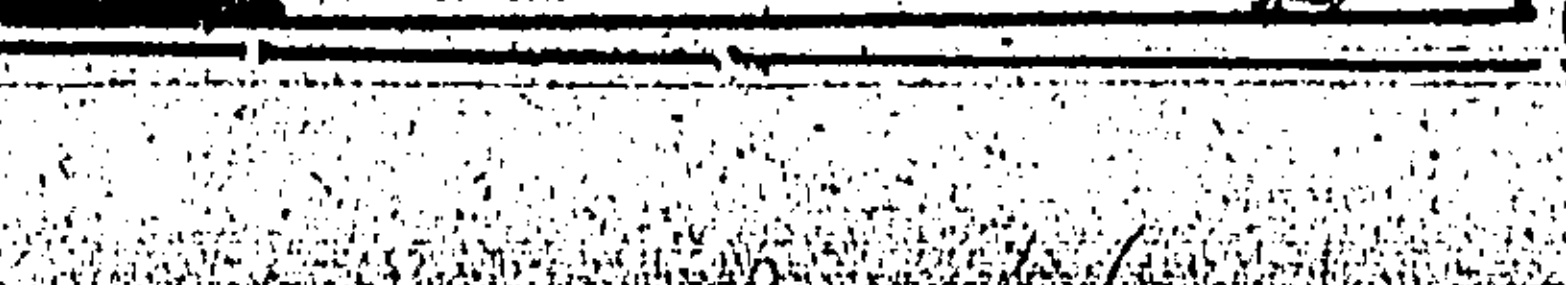
The two Souths that doubled, to protect a possible strong pass by their partners, perhaps a trap pass, earned a tie for top score. In one case North's pass was followed by East's pass and it was set four doubled, for 700 points. In the other East essayed a rescue of the doubled 1-Spade with 2-Clubs, which North also doubled, and it likewise was beaten, four tricks for 700 points. They showed the strategic value of a double in this position with about an average hand.

Tomorrow's Problem

S5
HJ
DAKQJ87
CK8532
SAJ10
963
H32
D96
C1076
N
W
E
S
S842
HA4
D542
CAQJ9
4

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable.)
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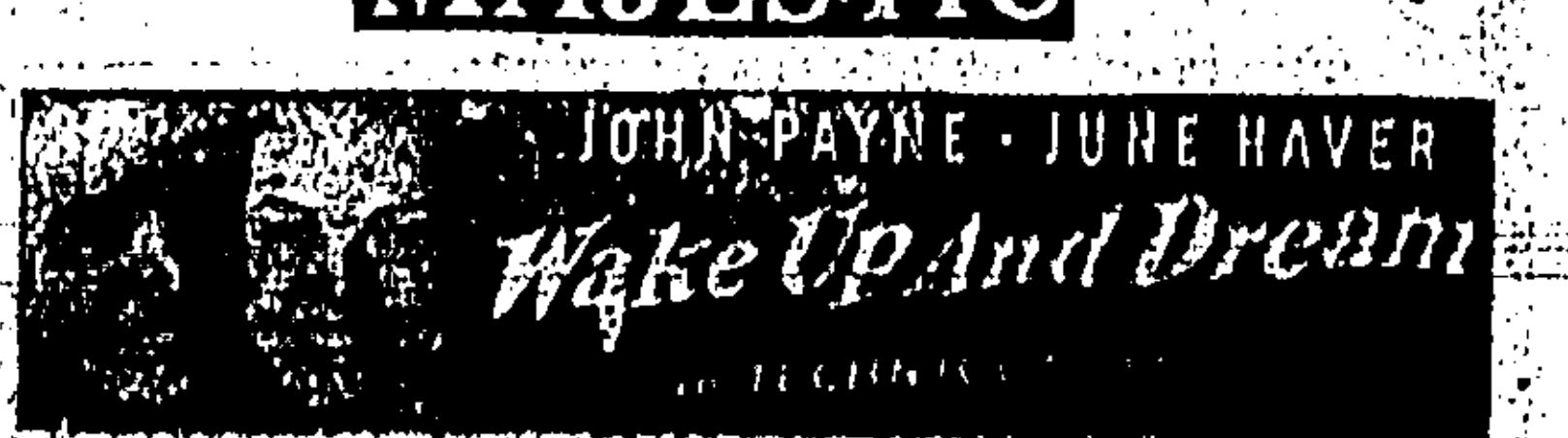
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BIRTHS

BERGLIUS—On 24th June, 1948, at St. Theresa's Hospital to VIVIAN, wife of Dr. J. S. Berglius, a son, George Conrad.

PICKFORD—On 23rd June 1948, at Kowloon Hospital, to GERTIE, wife of C.H. Pickford, a daughter.

A POOR SHOW

Nothing could show more clearly the inefficiency of the Nationalist military leaders and the poor spirit of the troops than the fall of Kaifeng, capital of Honan province, within six days following a sudden Communist raid. Nationalist headquarters appear to have been taken completely by surprise. On June 17, for instance, the War Minister, General Ho Ying-chin was assuring Honan members of the Legislative Assembly that the Communists could never attack Kaifeng. Substantial reinforcements are now moving into position and they may succeed in recapturing the place; but it will be an empty shell as Air Force reports show that a large part of the city has been swept by fire and that the Communists have carried out systematic looting.

No matter what the causes of the Government's failure, the Kaifeng operation is typical of this senseless civil war which is draining China of her few remaining assets. Government forces are constantly losing important points, while the Communists, on their part, are quite incapable of holding them for very long, the only effective result being that an ever-increasing number of towns suffer destruction to the ruin of the civil population.

In North China, the Red threat to Chengteh, the capital of Jehol, has apparently been beaten back, but the city has again been cut off from Peiping by large Communist forces attacking the Great Wall fortress-town, Kupeikow. Meanwhile, the National Currency has slumped further to 3,000,000 to one U.S. dollar, with a consequent further soaring of living costs. The Chinese are a remarkably patient people, but rice riots, signs of irritation in high places and the open criticism of the administration among the legislators in Nanking and the merchants in Shanghai, are clear indications that patience has already worn pretty threadbare.

Challenge?

No special skill in diagnosis of political trends is necessary to detect that events in Europe are rapidly working up to a climax. He would however be a bold prophet who, at this stage, ventured to predict the course of future events, in spite of the ominous moves by the Soviet authorities in the Berlin area—the complete severance of railway communications and announcement of a decision to deprive the Western zones of light and power. Of greater consequence, perhaps, Sokolovsky is carrying out the first stage of a coordinated plan—the appearance of Molotov at the head of a foreign ministers' conference in Warsaw. None will imagine for a moment that the

Free And Easy At The Black Palace

By Richard Greenough

Dropping out of the midnight sky into Mexico City after an hour flight from New York rather gives you the impression of being upside-down. It is as if all the stars have been plucked down from the heavens, polished up, then trimly arranged to form one vast, twinkling pattern on the ground as far as you can see.

It may be due partly to the atmosphere, for we are 5,500 ft. up here, but no city in Europe that I've ever flown over, before or since the war, ever seemed quite so thickly, so intensely and brightly lit up.

Like The Zoo

Nor are the lights the only things that seem upside down in Mexico City. The State gaol, for instance, is probably the strangest, most topsy-turvy institution of its kind in the world.

By British standards, entering the city's "Black Palace" as it is known, is rather like a mixture of visiting the Zoo and going to any of London's main line railway stations at one o'clock on a fine summer Saturday.

Like the Zoo, because inside certain sections of the massive rough-hewn stone gaol, rebuilt by the prisoners themselves at the end of last century, are gated off by 30-ft. tall iron bars that stretch up to second and third storeys then curve over to form a giant cage like one of the outdoor cages and dens at Regent's Park.

Go As You Please

Any and every day almost any hour seem visiting times. Visitors are apparently unlimited; a prisoner can receive his whole family if he wishes, and in order to discuss and direct affairs at home during his unfortunate absence.

They can bring him in any luxuries he may want to help brighten his life, though it is not too bad in any case, with the Turkish bath, the hairdressing saloon, the prison jazz-band, the weekly boxing matches, the dominoes and chess tournament, and the inevitable "baraja de naipes"—pack of cards.

They can bring him in changes of suits and underclothing (for unless he is a convict and wears the blue-and-white striped "pyjama uniform" a prisoner can dress as he pleases), bed linen, towels, a battery radio, cigars, tobacco, wine, and beer.

It is quite the recognised custom that as the prison food is scanty and bad, anybody able to afford it has his meals brought in from outside, either already cooked or prepared so as to be easily cooked on one of the community cell stoves.

For Safe Keeping

Another amenity that is allowed to most prisoners in this 3,000-inhabitant State penitentiary, nearly half women, is a once-in-two-days all night visit by wives, to husbands and vice-versa, and by sweethearts to sweethearts. But there are a few things not allowed. I had for instance, when I recently visited the place, to leave behind my keys and a nailfile. I was also asked to surrender my passport, other identification papers, and my money wallet for safe keeping.

This, the gaoler explained apologetically, was in case they were stolen from me while inside, for which the officials could take no responsibility.

Prisoners are for the most part free to wander around inside and visit each other's cells. Some loiter around in couples talking, or squat on the hot stones staring at you from their tiny, squeezed-up eyes, sucking fruit or playing cockroach races.

Visiting At 2 a.m.

Others just stare into space as if they haven't a thought within

conference has been called to discuss future policy; that it is intended for any other purpose than to provide a rubber-stamp for a scheme already mapped out in the Kremlin. Speculation regarding the Molotov surprise-packet hints at the creation of a Sovietised Republic in East Germany with Leipzig as the capital, at the creation of an Eastern Union frankly formed in alignment against the Western Union, even at the possibility of dramatics in the form of a conciliatory move to ease the tension. Of all that may emerge from the Warsaw gathering, the third is the least likely, for the Allied currency reform has forced the Russians to recognise that we mean business, and they appear to have accepted it as a challenge to a trial of strength. From that position anything can happen, and developments in the next few days will be followed with unusual anxiety.

a "100 miles of their heads. A few come begging insistently for cigarettes.

If by any chance you arrive at the prison at some slightly unusual hour—unusual, that is, by British standards—as I did once at 2 a.m., it is even then possible to gain admission.

There is a little preliminary bargaining at a post and the urgency of the visit. Then one of the guards goes over to a rickety telephone, only just clinging to the wall, where he goes through the motions of ringing up the "duty" governor, always a Mexican full colonel, to seek his permission. It is, of course, all a charade, meant to impress.

Then in you go with one of the guards as guide. The noise, even at that hour, is terrific. In daytime it is not a gaol guard, but one of the prisoners

with good conduct stripes, who guides you round the stone and iron-barred maze.

Everything is a little military, Mexican fashion, and good conduct men are one-and-two-striped corporals, there are three strippers, and even the equivalent to W.O.s, I was told.

It is even easier to find oneself in the "Black Palace" as a prisoner than as a visitor. An argument with a policeman, striking in exasperation, and in the heat, a more than usually slow and inefficient taxi-driver, and you're rubbing shoulders with a swindler, a thief, a wife-beater (who's wife has actually complained, for most of them don't in Mexico), or a murderer, for there is no capital punishment here now.

Apart from the topsy-turvy gaol, this city of 1,500,000 inhabitants, mainly built on a vast reclaimed lake, is more or less what you'd expect from the capital of a Central American Republic.

Mexico itself is nearly the same size as all Europe put together, has 23,000,000 population, produces 40 per cent. of the world's silver, and is also one of the richest oil, copper, lead, and other mineral territories in the world.

Local Calls Free

The city is a mixture of flashy, gleaming white new office buildings, miniature skyscrapers, streamlined American-made taxis, the drivers of which never drive fast except after dark, and make it a point of honour to disregard all red traffic lights after 9 p.m. The telephone system works well and gives a certain number of local calls free on the company, which means that large numbers of people are permanently using them, the luxury hotels, have bathroom taps, the hot and cold signs on which bear no relation to the temperature of the water that comes out of them, and the streamlined bars surely boast more brands of Scotch whisky than ever came out of Scotland.

It is a mixture of long, wide, shady boulevards with palm trees, ornate blue-and-white-and-yellow-tiled Castilian palaces in deep, private lush gardens, meals at the Spanish hours of 3 o'clock lunch and 10 o'clock dinner, except for the "down-town" business workers who eat earlier, and leisurely afternoon siestas.

Always 'Next Week'

It is also a mixture of incredibly narrow, squalid streets with rickety—one- and two-story hovels that defy all normal laws of gravity and only remain standing by leaning against each other, and an archaic tramway system that must date back almost to the time when Cortez founded the city in 1521.

But above all is the city's magnificent electric lighting, not so much multi-coloured Neon lighting but row upon row of ordinary white street lights. No body ever seems to turn out their lights here at night.

Although the main difference between the Mexicans and the Spaniards is that while in Spain it is always "mañana"—"tomorrow"—here it is "next week."

GANDHI MURDER TRIAL EVIDENCE

New Delhi, June 22.

Hand grenades, pistols and explosives were taken to Mahatma Gandhi's prayer meeting on January 20, when an attempt to kill the 78-year-old "Apostle of Non-Violence" failed, the chief prosecutor stated today at the resumed Gandhi murder trial.

Outlining the events leading up to the successful assassination on January 30, Mr. C. K. Daphtary, the chief prosecutor, said all but two of the nine men in dock were in New Delhi on January 20, when Madan Lal, one of the alleged conspirators, exploded a swab of gun cotton at Birla House where the Mahatma held his prayer meeting.

Arms and explosives were distributed before this attempt. The plan was for Madan Lal to explode the gun cotton, and, in the resulting confusion, the others of the group were to throw grenades and fire their pistols, Mr. Daphtary stated.

The plan miscarried and, with the exception of Madan Lal who was arrested on the spot, the accused left Delhi to meet again in Bombay a few days later. Special Judge Alma Charan announced at the opening of the session that Digambar Ramchandra Badge, one of the accused, was being pardoned. All have pleaded not guilty.

Lost Balance

The prosecutor said that Nathuram Godse, who is alleged to have fired the shots which killed Gandhi, hatched his murder plot at least four weeks beforehand.

Godse was "entirely antagonistic to the Mahatma's teachings" that Indians should seek peace with the Moslems, and he eventually became so bitter that he lost his balance of mind.

On trial with Nathuram Godse are Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, the 85-year-old former President of the Hindu Mahasabha (the militant right-wing Hindu organisation), Narayan Dattatraya Vishnu Ramkrishna Karkare Digambar Ramchandra Badge (now pardoned), Madan Lal, Kashi Lal Pawha Shankar Kishtaya, Gopal Vinayak Godse brother of Nathuram) and Dattatraya Sadashiv Parthure. Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"About loving our enemies—do you mean cabbage worms and bean beetles, too?"

US And India

THE MEMOIRS OF CORDELL HULL

New York, June 23.

Throughout World War II the United States Government undertook gentle prodding of Britain to grant independence to India. The repeated diplomatic efforts are recounted in "The Memoirs of Cordell Hull," published by the Macmillan company here.

A few vague suggestions were made before Pearl Harbour. When the U.S. entered the war and Americans could see the contrast in activity between freedom-bound Filipinos and the Indian people, the example of the Philippines was frequently held up before the British.

As Secretary of State, Hull first raised the question of Indian independence with Ambassador Earl Halifax in May, 1941. A few days later President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill met at sea to sign the Atlantic Charter, which Churchill subsequently told Commons did not apply to India or Burma.

Hull related that Ambassador Winant tried without success to persuade Churchill to eliminate this passage from his speech. Hull believed that the Cripps proposals for eventual self-government were a "far-reaching step in the right direction, but the Indian leaders turned them down. Mr. Roosevelt still sought to keep matters from reaching an open break by persuading Mr. Churchill to delay Cripps' return to Britain."

Chiang's Cable

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek also cabled to Mr. Roosevelt, asking American help in an effort to solve the Indian problem. The President replied that the U.S. and China did not have the "moral right to force ourselves upon the British or the Congress party, but that we should make clear to both sides that you and I stand in the position of friends who will gladly help, if we are called in by both sides."

It was during the Indian mission of William Phillips and the jailing of Mohandas K. Gandhi that American concern reached its peak. Hull asked Lord Halifax whether "the British might find it possible and advisable to consider certain additions to the Cripps proposals made to the Indian leaders. Soon thereafter Churchill instructed Halifax "to make it clear to me and to his contacts that the British Government would not in any circumstances alter the course it was pursuing about Gandhi."

When Phillips' caustic report to Roosevelt leaked out in the American press, the British reportedly asked Washington to disavow the report. The U.S. refused, and Anglo-American differences soon developed in another direction.

"When a serious famine developed in Bengal in 1943, we made efforts to secure from the all too inadequate rice stocks in the west Indian hemisphere an allocation of rice for India. The British representatives on the Combined Food Board in Washington insisted, however, that the responsibility for Indian food requirements be left to Britain, and we performed had to agree."

Hull's Conclusion

Hull concluded that when he designed in November, 1944, "we had taken every occasion we leg-

imately could to make clear our view that India should receive independence, but we had also proceeded with great caution so as not to antagonize either the British or the Indians. India continued to be one of the principal foci of our general policy on dependent peoples. And we had the conviction that, soon after the war ended, India must, and would, be granted independence."

Hull believes that if the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour had come six months earlier, "the whole aspect of the world war might have changed. In that event, Hitler most likely would have promptly abandoned his plan to attack Russia. Feeling that Japan would tie the United States down in the Pacific and would cut off Britain from the assistance of Australia, New Zealand, India and possibly South Africa, he might well have concentrated on the reduction of the United Kingdom by air and submarine warfare, and possibly, invading leaving Russia to be dealt with later."

"There were three methods to meet the danger from Japan. One was by preventive attack. But democracies do not engage in preventive attacks except with greatest difficulty. The second method was to agree to Japan's demands. The third method was simply to continue discussions with Japan, to convince her that her aggressions cost her more than they were worth. It was this third that we chose. Of the three, it was the only American method."—United Press.

What! Too Tough For Malaya?

London, June 23.

When questioned in the House of Commons today about the possibility of employing former members of the Palestine Police in Malaya, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said that "staff requirements are being reassessed in the light of the present disturbances."

"I cannot yet say what the total requirements will be, or what proportion of any new posts will be recruited from former members of the Palestine Police, who are of course eligible for consideration."

Mr. John Boyd Carpenter, Conservative, asked if this meant that no definite offer had been made to a single one of these men so far. If it did, did the Minister realise that "these ex-members of the Palestine Police would undoubtedly find themselves other employment before very long," he added.

Mr. Creech Jones replied that there were practical difficulties in introducing people with just that kind of experience into Malaya.

The whole matter, he said, was being actively explored and discussions were going on with that idea in view.—Reuter.

EARLY SPLIT IN ISRAEL'S CABINET

London, June 23.

Two Ministers resigned today from the five-week-old Provisional Government of Israel—less than 24 hours after a bloody battle between Haganah Jewish troops and Irgun Zvai Leumi forces who ran an arms ship ashore at Tel Aviv and seized the northern beach of the Jewish capital.

In the meantime, the Israeli Government today firmly enforced a strict curfew "until further notice."

The Ministers who resigned from the Provisional Government are the Minister of Religion, Rabbi Judah Fishman, and the Minister of Immigration, Mr. Moshe Shapira.

Their resignation followed the news that Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations Mediator, was likely to fly to Tel Aviv from his neutral island headquarters on Rhodes to make a personal investigation of the inter-ethnic clash.

Tel Aviv was quiet today under the first curfew to be clamped down in the Holy Land since the ending of the British mandate on May 15.

The city's northern beach was today in the hands of the Irgun Zvai Leumi gunmen who defied the truce to land 800 volunteers from the European arms ship, Altelena, and fought back fiercely when Haganah Jewish regulars shelled the vessel and set it on fire.

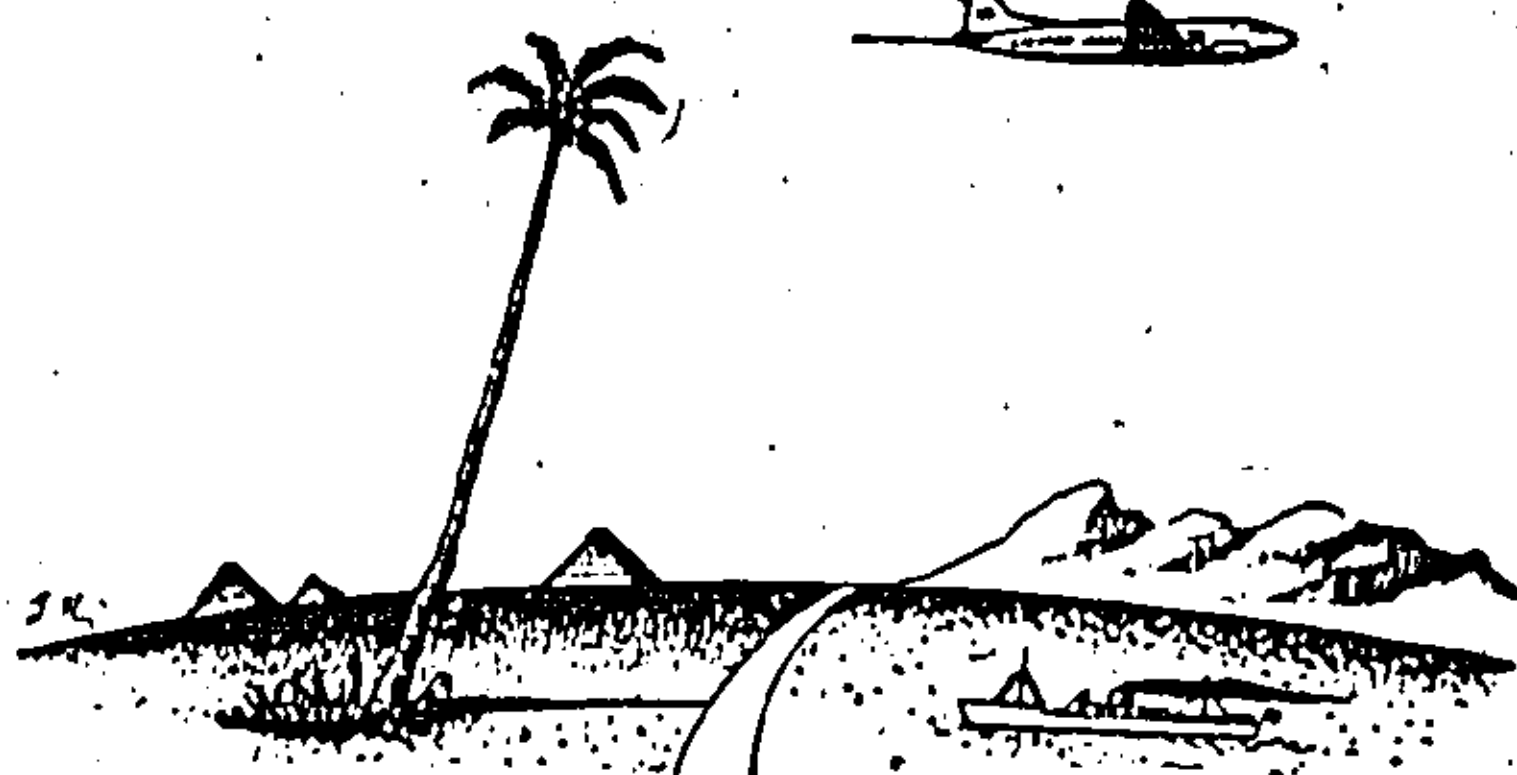
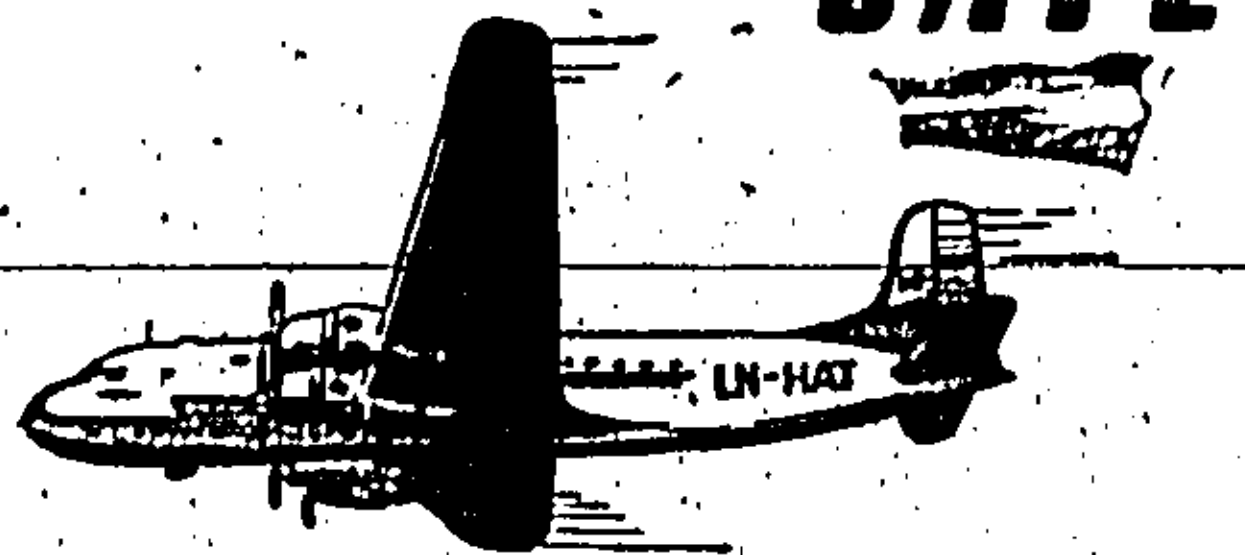
Hotels Evacuated

United Nations truce observers, correspondents and many Tel Aviv people had to search for beds last night as hotels along the waterfront opposite the burning Altelena were evacuated for fear the ship would blow up.

SIAMESE MINISTER TO RUSSIA

Bangkok, June 23. Siam today appointed its first Minister to Russia, Phra Bahiddha Nukara, who was previously Minister to Switzerland. He cancelled the earlier nomination of Phra Saranus Gholanhand, former Minister of Economics, to the Moscow post. Nukara had been nominated as Ambassador to Burma, but Foreign Office sources indicated that the exchange of envoys between Burma and Siam had been delayed for some time.—Reuter.

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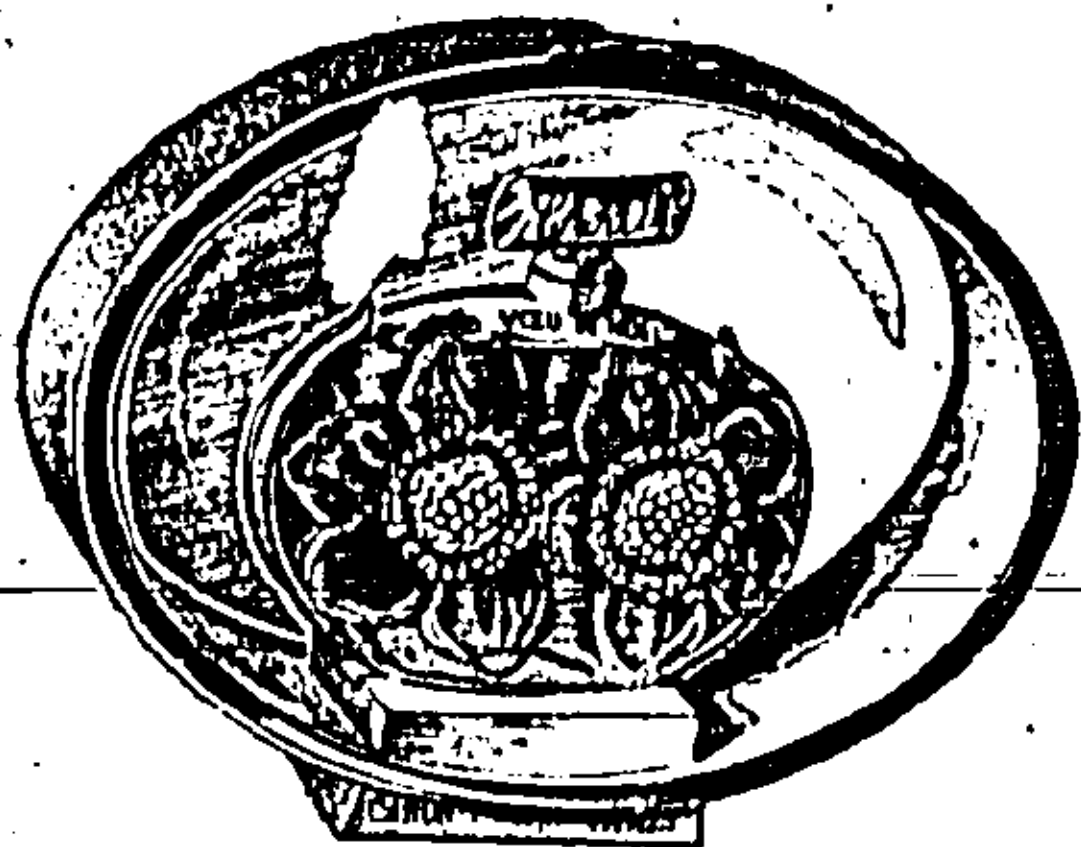
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MOLOTOV DISCLOSES HAND Iron Curtain Countries At Warsaw Talks Eastern Germany Likely To Be Separated

Warsaw, June 23.

M. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and political leaders from all the other Slav countries, arrived in Warsaw today for talks to prepare a joint Slav declaration about Germany's future.

The conference, beginning a fortnight after the six-power declaration on Western Germany, is expected to announce an agreement to establish a separate government for Eastern Germany.

Warsaw airport was heavily guarded by Polish security police today as planes carrying emissaries from all over the "iron curtain" area touched down.

M. Molotov, whose aircraft was accompanied by three Russian Army Dakotas, drove with leading members of the Polish Government through the streets of Warsaw to an unknown destination.

The capital was tense with excitement as armed police cordoned off the main thoroughfares and heavy loads of armed troops pushed through the streets.

The Polish Foreign Ministry was closed to all inquiries and communications from Warsaw were closed down during the morning.

In Prague today, official quarters said they knew nothing of a meeting in Warsaw, but there was still a good deal of unofficial speculation about the recent reported movements of Communist leaders.

(The Minister of Justice, Dr. A. Cepicka, went to Warsaw last Monday, ostensibly to discuss co-operation in legal matters. Reports of an imminent Communist meeting somewhere in Eastern Europe have persisted since Signor Palmiro Togliatti, the Italian Communist leader, visited Prague recently.)

Later Warsaw Radio announced that a conference of the Foreign Ministers of eight Eastern and Central European States had begun its sittings.

The communiqué broadcast by the Radio said: "On the initiative of the USSR and the Government of the Polish Republic, a conference of the Foreign Ministers of the USSR, Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Poland, Rumania and Hungary has begun its sittings."

"Those taking part in the conference are: M. Molotov, the Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister of the USSR, M. Enver Hodja, the Premier and Foreign Minister of Albania, M. Molotov, the Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister of Bulgaria, M. Clementis, the Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia, M. Stojich, the Foreign Minister of Yugoslavia, M. Modzelewski, the Foreign Minister of Poland, M. Anna Pauker, the Foreign Minister of Rumania, M. Molnar, the Foreign Minister of Hungary. "The conference has for its object a discussion of the London Conference on Germany."

Polish Chairman

"The conference was opened by M. Modzelewski, the Foreign Minister of the Polish Republic, after which M. Cyrankiewicz, the Prime Minister of Poland, greeted the Foreign Ministers present. "The Foreign Ministers taking part in the conference have expressed their gratitude to the Polish Republic for the hospitality received."

"M. Modzelewski, the Foreign Minister of the Polish Republic, was elected Chairman of the first session of the conference."

The communiqué was first given in Polish and then repeated in various foreign languages, starting with Russian. Well-informed Warsaw circles said tonight that the conference was preceded by a secret Communist meeting in Prague, which began last Saturday.

Separate State

It was firmly established tonight that the purpose of the conference, now being held in the Wilanowa Palace in Warsaw, is to secure Slav unity for the Russian proposals to set up a separate state for Eastern Germany, with headquarters at Leipzig.

The main work of the conference will begin tomorrow, it was stated. Informal talks were taking place between the chief delegates tonight and a reception was given by the Polish President, M. Bierut.

Polish Foreign Office sources said that the question of Poland's western frontier would not be discussed. The unprecedented security measures taken in Warsaw have exceeded those taken during Hitler's visit during the war. Hundreds of security officers attending all delegations were reported arrived in Warsaw some days ago in readiness. More than 1,000 special guards were in the Polish capital. Mention was made in the Warsaw statement of over Moscow

Radio of delegates from Italy, France and the German Eastern Zone, but diplomatic sources in Warsaw believed that Signor Palmiro Togliatti, the General Secretary of the Italian Communist Party, and M. Jacques Duclos, acting Secretary-General of the French Communist Party, are also attending.—Reuter.

Germans Not There

Berlin, June 23. Herr Wilhelm Pieck and Dr. Otto Grotewohl, joint chairmen of the Communist-dominated Socialist Unity Party, have not gone to Warsaw to act as "German observers", Berlin Communist circles stated categorically tonight.

Dr. Grotewohl attended as a spectator tonight's meeting of the Berlin City Council. The two German Communist leaders have just returned to Berlin from an extended tour of southern European countries, during which they conferred with some of the Foreign Ministers taking part in the present Warsaw conference.—Reuter.

Obstruction By Police

Georgetown, June 23. A member of the British Guiana Legislative Council told an Inquiry Commission investigating the recent Enmore riots today that the police had obstructed him in collecting evidence. The Commission adjourned its first public session until next Monday at the request of the Legislature, Mr. E. P. Debodin.—Reuter.

Finnish Refugees

Portsmouth, June 23. The 117-ton Finnish fishing vessel, Viena, whose crew are paying their way to Buenos Aires, Argentina, will enter Portsmouth tomorrow to exchange some of her cargo for stores. The Viena arrived off Portsmouth yesterday with ten men and one woman, describing themselves as refugees from Merimurva, Finland. They will leave for Buenos Aires soon. They had no money, but a cargo of timber and other goods, some of which they sold to buy food.—Reuter.

LORD KILLEARN ON FAR EAST

London, June 23.

Lord Killearn, until recently British Special Commissioner in South East Asia, told the Royal Empire Society here today that Australian and United States interest in South East Asia was increasing.

He described Australia's growing interest in this area as "one very good development of the postwar period" and a factor "the importance of which could not be exaggerated."

Death Of Dr. Oftedal

Oslo, June 23. Dr. Oftedal, the Norwegian Minister of Social Affairs, died in a hospital in Oslo today of heart failure.

He was 43 years old. Dr. Oftedal had been undergoing treatment for spinal trouble. Heart complications followed.

Son of Mr. Lars Oftedal, well-known politician and editor, Dr. Oftedal was arrested twice as a hostage during the German occupation.

His medical skill was said to have saved the lives of hundreds of prisoners in concentration camps.—Reuter.

US Military Aid To China

Washington, June 23. The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, today called on the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Norman Armour, to discuss procedure under which the US\$125 million military grant in the China aid programme will be made available to the Chinese Government.

Dr. Koo said that while the United States had outlined broad phases of procedure, his meeting with Mr. Armour was to get more specific details.

Dr. Koo said they also discussed provisions of a bilateral agreement covering the US\$400 million China programme, which is to be signed shortly by representatives of the two countries.

"Signing of the agreement would take place in Nanking, where practically all negotiations concerning its terms had been worked out.—United Press.

NOT FOR MALAN

Capetown, June 23. The resignation of the Director-General of the South African Broadcasting Corporation, Mr. R. B. Caprina, who was re-appointed after retirement age under General Jan Smuts Government, was accepted by the Board of Governors today. Mr. Caprina has been Director-General of the S.A.B.C. since its establishment in 1933.—Reuter.

GLOOMY PICTURE

Chicago, June 23.

American doctors may some day have to treat 100,000 persons after an atomic explosion and then watch them all die from radiation, an atomic scientist said.

Doctor S. T. Warren, of the atomic energy commission, one of the scientists who visited Hiroshima after it was destroyed, told physicians attending the American Medical Association convention that a future war would be one "where you extinguish people and then go on from there—if you can."

In a talk on Tuesday, he said cities hit by atom bombs would be unfit for occupation "for years afterward."

Prior to Dr. Warren's talk other speakers stressed the importance of atomic products in medical research. Dr. Joseph G. Hamilton, associate professor of radiology of the University of California, said the equivalent of more than 100 tons of radium has been produced without a single case of poisoning at the Hanford, Washington Atomic Plant.—United Press.

Coal Crisis Hits Aussie Workers

Sydney, June 23.

Over 250,000 workers in the Sydney area were idle today as a result of the Australian coal crisis, which led to widespread power cuts yesterday.

Miners from five collieries were still on strike today and train services were heavily curtailed.

The authorities have proposed a severe rationing which will mean only a three-day working week. The men struck after the failure of wages negotiations.

The coal shortage has also affected Victoria and South Australia, where gas and electricity have been rationed. Train services have been cut in these states also, and widespread unemployment is feared.—Reuter.

COLD WELCOME

Peking, June 24.

The U.S. Ambassador, J. Leighton Stuart, arrived from Nanking yesterday afternoon and went immediately to Yenching University where he was received coldly by the students. He is still President of the University. The students objected to his criticism of their anti-American sentiment to Japan movement and did not plan any reception for their President in celebration of his 72nd birthday here today.—United Press.

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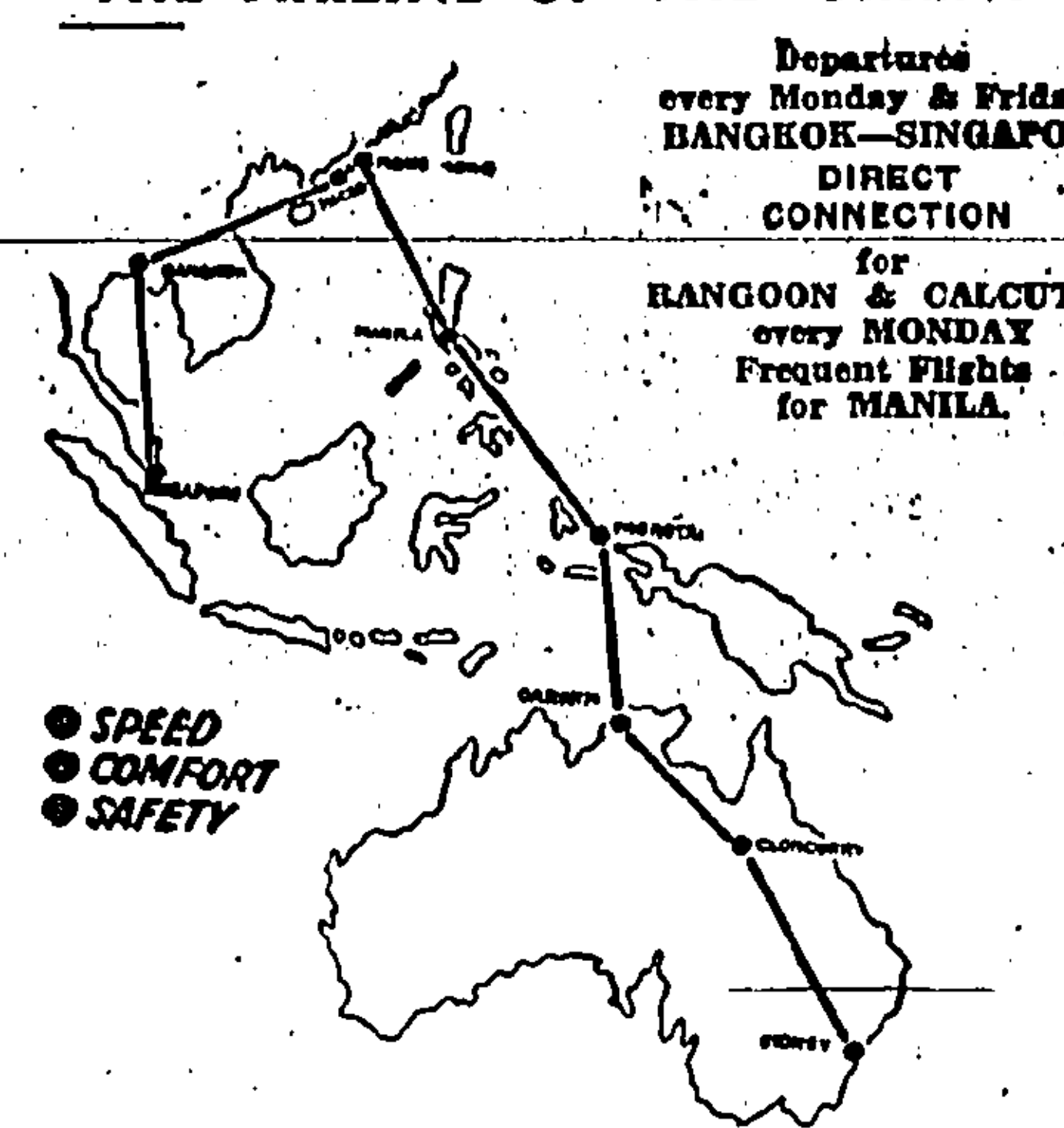
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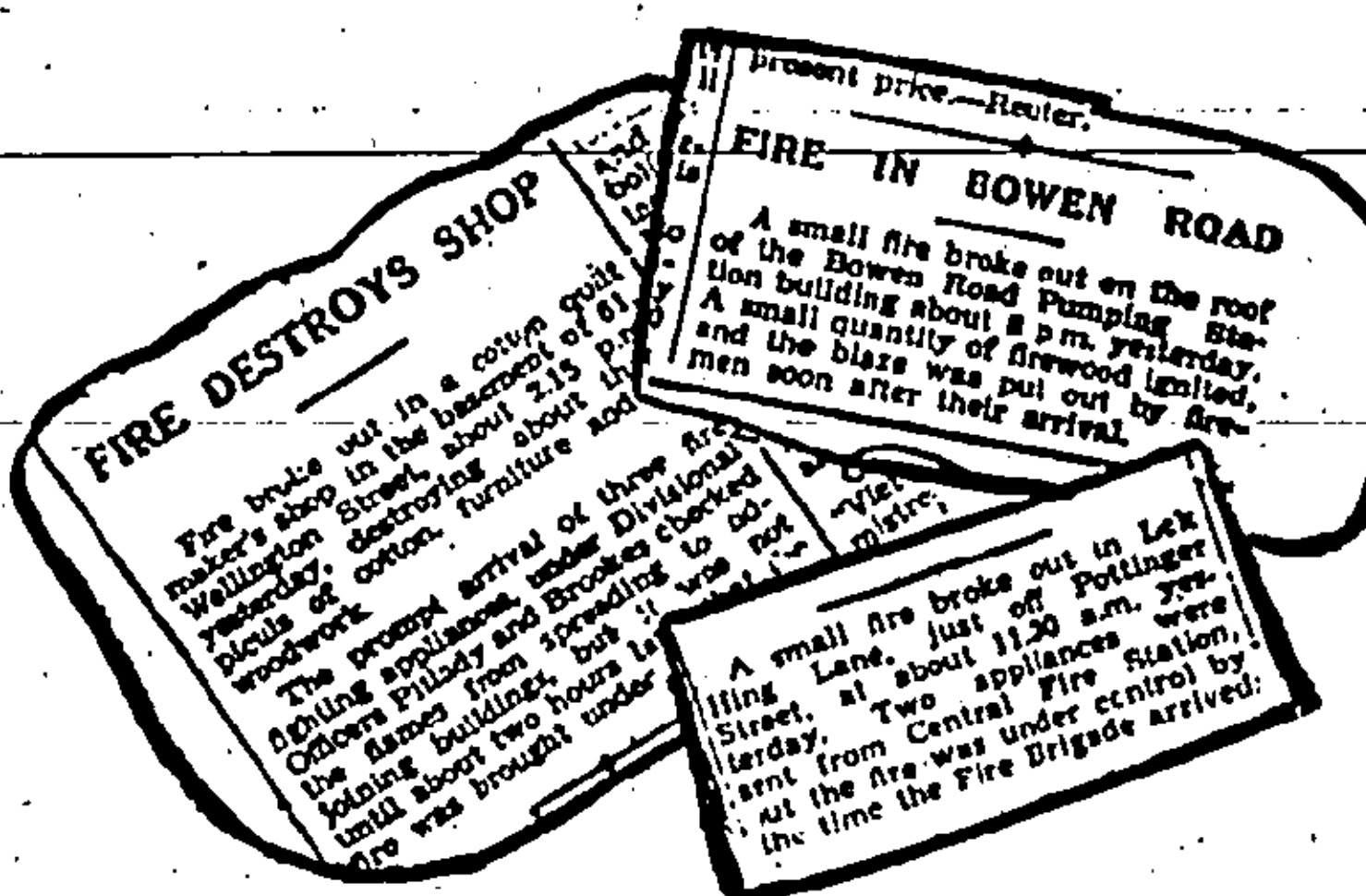
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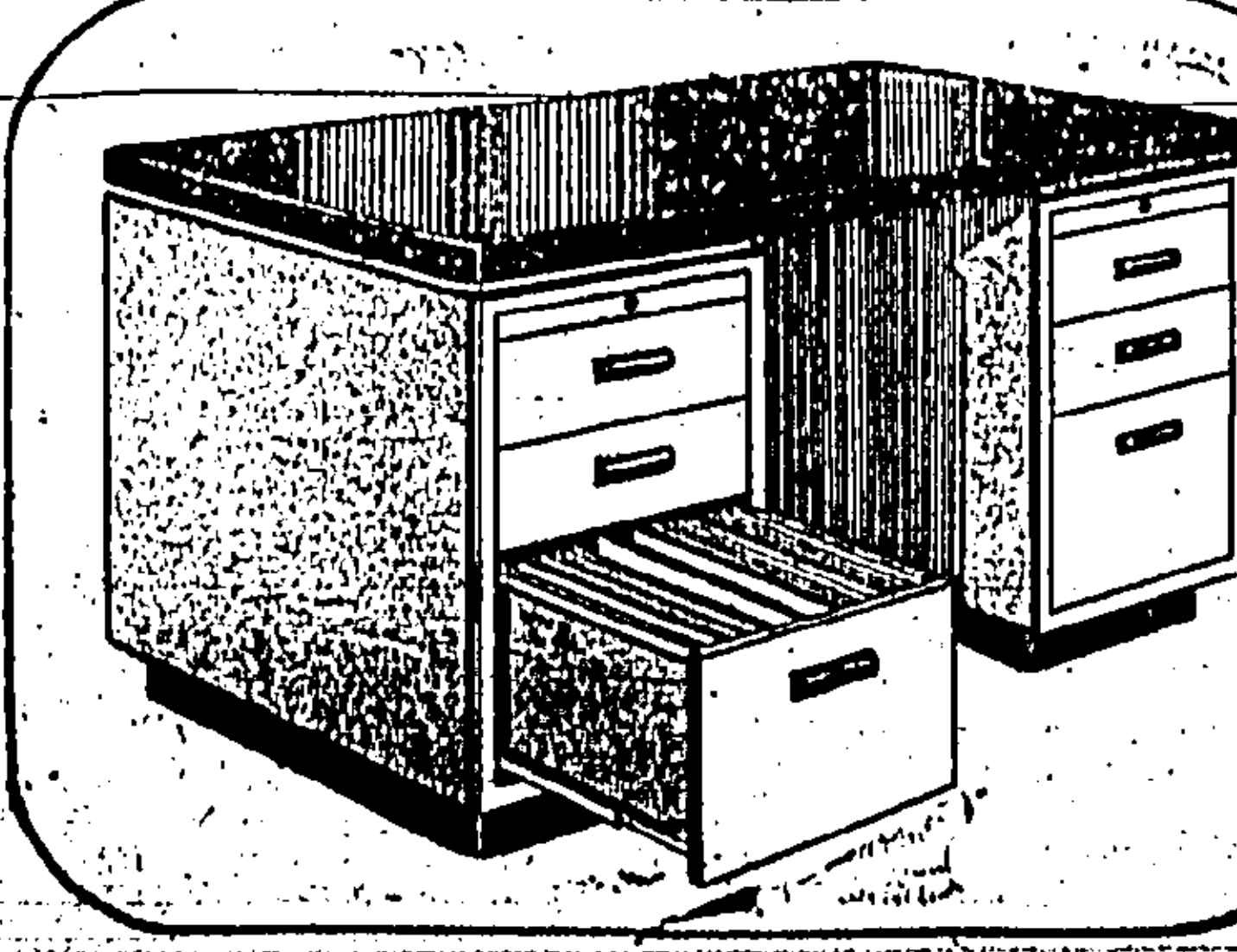
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CINEMA WORLD

BRITAIN'S CHILDREN CLUB EXPERIMENTS

At nine o'clock every Saturday morning, before the lights are lowered, the cinema manager known affectionately by the children as "Uncle," stands before a microphone, presiding over an excited young audience. Before the show begins there are the Club announcements to be made: the results of the week's football or cricket matches played with neighbouring Clubs, the times of next week's meetings of the swimming or netball teams or of the "brains trusts," the debates, the amateur dramatic or even the junior orchestral societies. For the activities of Britain's Children's Cinema Clubs range far beyond merely providing weekly film shows.

There are nearly 400 of these Clubs which are run on a non-profit making basis and which draw weekly audiences of 400-600 children. Children of school age, from seven to 15 years, wear Club badges and pay sixpence for admission to the cinema—in some towns, less than sixpence.

Good Humour

There are often concerts on Saturday mornings. Children among the audience volunteer to go on the stage and sing songs through the microphone, sometimes in shrill, piping voices. If they are good, they receive thunderous applause; if they are bad, they are booed; but good or bad, the proceedings are conducted with the greatest good humour.

And there is the community singing for which the Clubs are becoming noted. With the exception of the manager and the cinema attendants, there are no adults in the audience and feeling a lack of restraint the children sing heartily.

At nine o'clock the lights go down, and with a roar of anticipation from the audience, the film show begins. There is always a coloured cartoon—a Donald Duck or a Mickey Mouse, a film about life in other countries, or which deals with some subject of general interest such as the reason why it rains, or the care of pets. Then there is an episode of the serial, the formula of which has changed little since the early days of films—peril, excitement and hair-breadth escapes. And to conclude each programme, there is the full length feature film which has been made specially for the Children's Clubs.

Postwar Revival

Discontinued early in World War II, in 1943, the children's cinema movement in Britain was revived on new lines. While previously little attempt had been made to give children selected programmes, now programmes are being constructed with organisations which work for the welfare of young people. Children's Entertainment Films, an organisation set up in Britain in 1944 with the avowed object of improving the standard of film entertainment provided for young audiences, chooses stories and ideas, and commissions their production as films by suitable producing companies. Eighteen films—shorts, serials, cartoons and story films—were made in the first year, 45 in 1946, and 54 in 1947. Already over 30 films have been scheduled for production this year. This organisation is still in the pioneering stage. Its ultimate object is to provide a complete

programme of specially made films for every Cinema Club. It makes no profits and is subsidised by film interests in Britain.

Some 15 private producing companies make the films commissioned by Children's Entertainment Films, which has an advisory council made up of representatives of such organisations as the National Association of Girls' and Mixed Clubs, the Association of Education Committees and the National Council of Medical Health. The council decides what scripts should be accepted and completed films must receive its approval before they are shown.

Obviously extremely valuable data about children's reactions to different sorts of film stories have been accumulated during the past three years. The adult conception of what children like has accordingly been modified in the light of the experience gained, and directors, who are in sympathy with the child's way of thinking, have been sought for and found.

Such films as "Bush Christmas," an adventure story about Australian children, and "Little Lullabies," about a little London girl's efforts to become a dancer, and the help she receives from her comrades in raising the money for her school fees, have been generally released in the ordinary cinema programmes and have excited wide interest and admiration. Like the others made for the Clubs, these films are characterised by an entire lack of sentimentality, swift movement, well observed characters and authentic backgrounds and plenty of credible incident.

Most of the films are made to appeal to children between the ages of eight and 11 years. They, it has been discovered, are "realists." To be pleased and satisfied they must be convinced.

To ensure complete authenticity for scenes showing Britain's House of Commons, the assistant Parliamentary Librarian, Mr. J. W. Killo, went to Shepperton Studios to help with "The Winslow Boy." He found one young man in battledress particularly interested in his remarks. It was some time before Mr. Killo discovered that he was ANTHONY ASQUITH still a keen student of film direction his career.

Much Too Good For Him



Jane Wyman portrays the wife of a bandit in "Cheyenne" but is wise enough to fall for the other guy. She looks much too good for him.

SHADOWS BEFORE

"THE LONG NIGHT."

Stars: Henry Fonda, Barbara Bel Geddes, Vincent Price and Ann Dvorak.

Story: A reputable citizen, Fonda shoots and kills a woman for defaming and seducing to ruin his best girl, and then gives himself up to the police as the picture ends. A dramatic story of violence and murder, it is also a sensitive love story. Barbara Bel Geddes gives a most impressive performance. (RKO-Radio)

"THAT HAGEN GIRL."

Stars: Ronald Reagan and Shirley Temple.

Story: The general theme is of two persons contending with small town gossip regarding the real parentage of the girl. It is directed by a British director,

Peter Godfrey, and is excellently handled. As a side-line Shirley Temple acts in several scenes from "Roméo and Juliet." (Warner Bros.)

"CHEYENNE." Stars: Dennis Morgan, Jane Wyman, Janis Paige and Bruce Bennett.

Story: A sort of super-Western covering the settling of the American North-West. It blends the elements of an exciting outdoor drama with romance and comedy. Dennis Morgan plays the role of a gentleman-gambler, out to capture a notorious bandit, Jane Wyman, secret wife of the bandit, attempts to reform her desperado-husband, but when she finds he has planned to run off with a dance-hall entertainer, assists in his capture. Based on a story by Paul Wellman, it is photographed against a background of magnificent country. (Warner Bros.)

"THE UNSUSPECTED."

Stars: Joan Caulfield, Claude Rains, Audrey Totter, Constance Bennett, Hurd Hatfield and Michael North.

Story: A mystery—thriller, with death to the right of you, death to the left, etc., etc., surrounding the personality of a radio performer who specialises in chilling the spines of radio listeners. Most of the action takes place in his (Claude Rains) country estate. Rains' soft-spoken diction dominates the stirring climax. (Warner Bros.)

Take It Easy, Lass



Audrey Totter and Michael North at odds in a dramatic scene from "The Unsuspected," crime thriller coming to Hong Kong shortly.

Moments With The Stars

Current Shows

KING'S—"Brute Force," with Burt Lancaster, Hume Cronyn, Charles Bickford, Yvonne de Carlo and Ann Blyth in a grim prison story. QUEEN—"Destiny Me," Greer Garson in a melodramatic tale of deceit and its final retribution. Greer Garson gives her usual outstanding performance. LEE—"Deep Valley," with Ida Lupino, Dane Clark and Wayne Morris. Another tale of violence. MAJESTIC—"Wake Up and Dream," with John Payne and June Haver. CATHAY—"Slave Girl," with Yvonne de Carlo and George Brent. ORIENTAL—"The Perils of Pauline." ALHAMBRA—"Adventure Island." CENTRAL—"Night and Day."

Venus de Milo was cold-bloodedly banished from the set at Welwyn Studios the other day. She was ordered, together with copies of other Grecian statues, to decorate a lavish ballroom setting (St. Petersburg, 1800) in the Associated British-Anatole de Gruyland film, QUEEN OF SPADES, based on a well-known story by Alexander Pushkin.

She stood there for some days, and filming went on around her. Dr. Baird, historical advisor on the picture, noticed her, and thought hard. Then he said, "I'm sorry, but Venus must go!" Reason: Venus de Milo, although a creation of ancient Greece, was not dug up until 1819.

When ALASTAIR SIM and SUSAN SHAW were watching the first rushes of "London Belongs to Me" they were amazed to see Fair,

the author, Norman Collins, suddenly appear on the screen. It transpired that the famous novelist had walked on to the set while a street scene was being shot. "I saw other people moving about so I thought it was alright for me to do so too," he explained. The "other people" were extras playing passers-by.

SOMERSET MAUGHAM has also become a film player by intention. He went to the studios to be shot reading a special introduction for "Quattro," in which four of his short stories are included. The study in which he is seen is an exact replica of the real one in which he works at his villa beside the Mediterranean. "Allen Corn" is one of the select stories, and as Lady Frederick Bland, tall Irene Browne wears some priceless diamond, emerald and ruby jewellery designed for display at the British Industries



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HYDERABAD DISPUTE

Premier Declines To Offer Mediation

MR. CHURCHILL AGAIN ON THE WARPATH

London, June 23.

The Government today rejected a request by Mr. Winston Churchill that it should offer its services as mediator in the dispute between India and Hyderabad.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, told the House of Commons that it still remained the Government's hope that the negotiations between India and Hyderabad would lead to a friendly settlement of the outstanding differences.

It did not think the prospects of such a settlement would be improved by an offer of mediation.

Mr. Churchill asked if he remembered the "very precise pledges" which the Prime Minister gave about "this important state of 17 or 18 million people, that they would have the right to choose whether they would accede to Pakistan or India and if not that they could remain a separate Dominion of the Crown."

Mr. Noel-Baker said that Mr. Churchill would not expect him to comment on the authoritative statement which the Prime Minister made last July. (Cries of "Why not.")

The essence of it was that when these states gained their independence, they remained part of geographical India, and it would be unfortunate if, in the formal severance of their paramountcy with the Crown, they were to become islands cut off from the rest of India.

Premier's Hope

The Prime Minister had then said that it was his hope and the hope of the Government that these states would, in due course, find their appropriate place in one or other of the Dominions within the British Commonwealth, but until the constitutions of the Dominions had been framed in such a way as to include the states as willing partners there must be necessarily a less organic form of relationship and a period before a comprehensive system could be worked out.

The Air Amenities Of Cairo

Sydney, June 23.

Passengers flying from London to Australia alleged here today that Egyptian police kept them under armed guard in Cairo on an insect-ridden houseboat the night of June 16.

One of them said they slept in small cubicles which they called "the black hole of Calcutta." Food was unsatisfactory and five passengers had contracted dysentery after eating shrimps. He said members of the Egyptian Home Guard watched them continuously while they were in Cairo. "When we protested to competent officials, they shrugged their shoulders helplessly," he added.—Reuter.

Mr. Churchill said this was an unrepresentative form of the precise pledges that were given to the House of Commons that Hyderabad and Kashmir should have the right either to accede to these Dominions or to remain outside and separate.

Mr. Noel-Baker: "I think Mr. Churchill will recognise that the Government have no jurisdiction in this matter. India and Hyderabad have got to live together, and we hope they will settle this matter together by peaceful means."

Mr. Churchill: "I was not asking about jurisdiction. I was speaking about obligations and pledges." (Opposition cheers.) Mr. Noel-Baker: "We have no obligations in the matter at all. You are quite wrong in thinking so. The purpose was to get an agreed and peaceful settlement of the differences between India and Hyderabad."—Reuter.

NO DOUBLE VOTES BILL PASSED

London, June 23.

House of Commons Socialists tonight overrode the objection by the Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, and passed the bill which took double votes away from many Britons.

The bill reduced members of the House of Commons from 640 to 613, by abolishing 12 University seats, one of two "old city" of London seats and merged or rearranged many other constituencies.

Conservatives, who hold all University and City seats fought bitterly to stop the bill.

Mr. Churchill said the bill is a "small minor pinching, a piece of chicanery." At present the owners and renters of property in the square mile comprising the City of London can vote both in the city of London and in the residential constituency; similarly the University alumni may vote both for the University and the home constituency seats.

Mr. Churchill said that if the Conservatives win the majority in the next general election, they would introduce immediate legislation to restore the University seats.—United Press.

SOVIET TACTICS

Melbourne, June 23.

Mr. John L. Cremona, a Labour Member-of-the-Victorian-Legislative Assembly, said today that Communist propaganda films with innocuous titles were being smuggled into Australia by the Soviet Legation.

In a speech in the Assembly,

Police Fire In Naples Riot

Naples, June 23.

The police opened fire here today in a clash with about 16,000 unemployed demonstrators outside the Prefect's Office. Thirty-one persons were injured, including 23 police, according to an Ansa news agency. The crowd fought the police with sticks and stones. Many arrests were made, but the city was calm this evening.—Reuter.

Austrian Protest

Vienna, June 23.

The Austrian Government tonight protested to the Allied Control Council over the arrest by the Russians of the Austrian Chief Inspector of Police, Mr. Anton Marek.

The 40-year-old Police Chief disappeared from his home last Thursday after a telephone call which, he told his wife, was from a Russian Captain. The Austrian note declared the arrest infringed the terms of the Control Agreement and demanded the instant release of Mr. Marek and submission of charges against him to an Austrian court for investigation.—Reuter.

RESERVE AND SUSPICION

Lake Success, June 23.

The Netherlands and the Indonesian Republican authorities, bound by their cease fire agreement, are eyeing one another across the status quo line "with reserve and suspicion," the United Nations good offices committee said in the first chapter of its third interim report received here.

The committee reported that although important agreements for the resumption of normal trade and commerce between territories under the control of the Republic and those outside had been reached in principle, no significant increase in the volume of trade in and out of Republican-controlled territory can yet be reported.

"Such an increase will take place only if agreements are supplemented satisfactorily. The committee doubts whether a full implementation is likely until a political settlement is reached," the report added.

The difficulty of the political negotiations was shown by the fact that apparently both parties consider the Renville agreement as not constituting an agreement in the strict sense of the word, but merely as a basis for discussion of a political settlement.

Source Of Misunderstanding

The question whether the Renville principles took effect when the parties accepted them, or will become effective only when political agreements have been concluded, has not yet been definitely settled and "continues as a fertile source of misunderstanding and dispute," the report says.

In the frank expression of pessimism so far noted, the committee reported that the lack of significant progress towards closing the very considerable gap between the positions of the parties "has recently begun to have an unwholesome effect upon the atmosphere."

Both sides, the committee found, are showing a more pronounced note of pessimism and there is evidence of alarm on the side of Indonesian public opinion. The chief problem for the long-term future, the committee understood, is the division of powers between the Netherlands Indonesian Union and the United States of Indonesia as a member of that Union.

"It is the committee's understanding that the Netherlands delegation contemplates the assignment to the Union of functions, particularly those of a military and judicial nature, which the Republican delegation considers as a qualification upon the sovereignty of the members."—Reuter.

5,000,000 PEOPLE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, June 24.

Shanghai's population for the last month topped the 5,000,000 mark, according to census statistics issued by the Civil Affairs Bureau of the City Government. Of this figure, 2,818,000 are males and 2,272,000 females. Births were three times the number of deaths.—Reuter.

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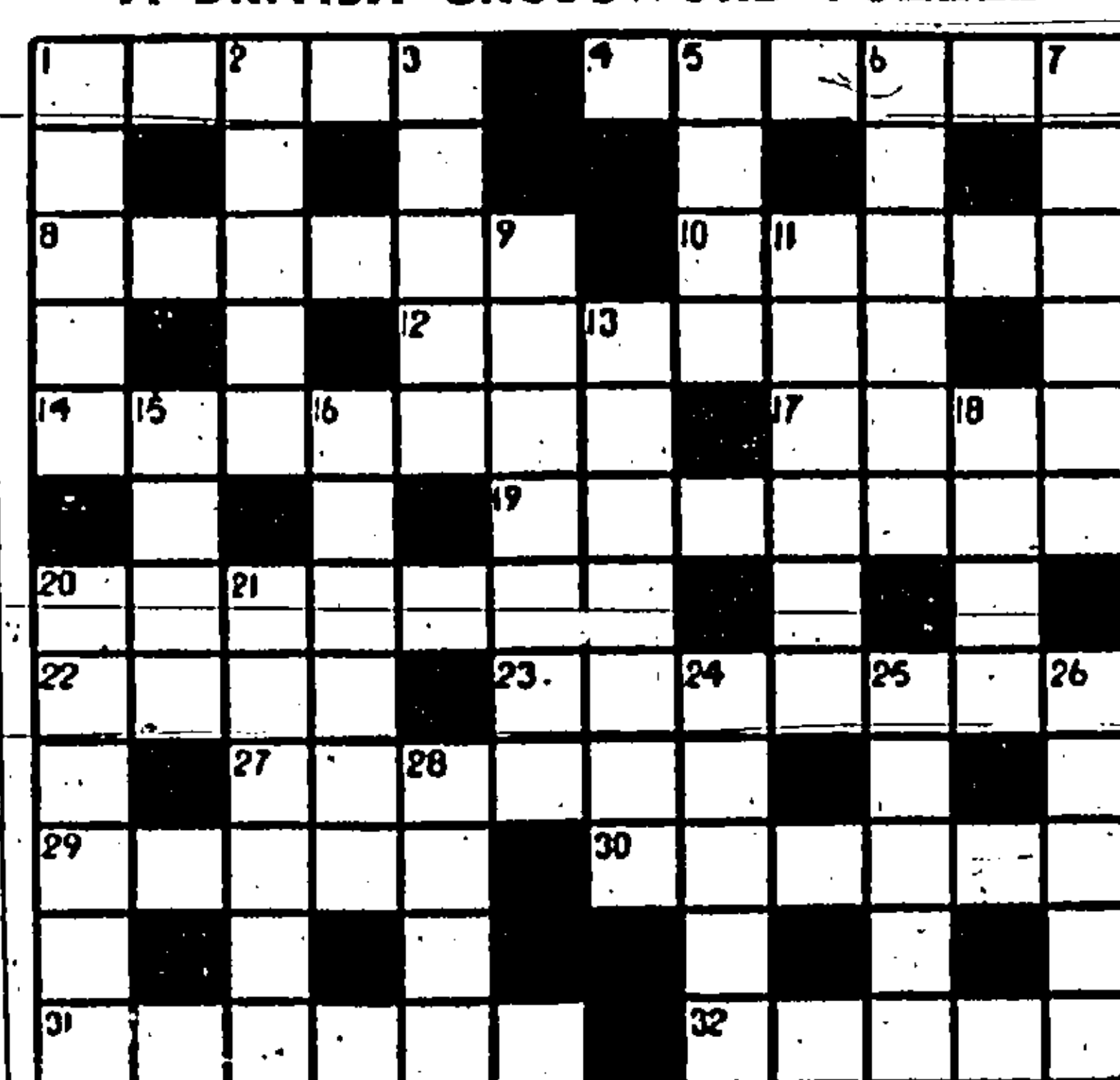
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- Musical work.
- Religious.
- Correspondence.
- Ponds in sound.
- Effect.

Clues Down

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- Once more.
- Subject.
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- Thin overlay.
- Confession.
- Guides.
- Refuse to notice.
- Umpire.
- Golf club.
- Bomb hole.
- Printing instruction.
- Current story.
- Wretchedness.
- Result.
- Sweep down.
- Praise.
- Nominate.

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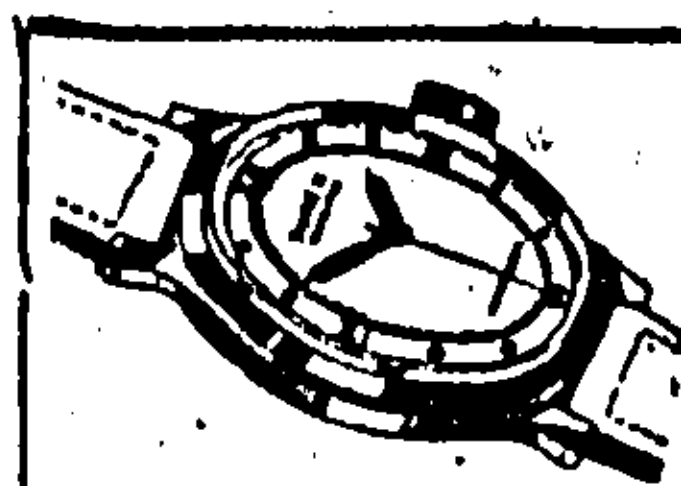
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YORKSHIRE COMBINATION STRIKES FIRST TEST BLOW

The Australians, who batted first in the opening day of the Second Test at Lords, had scored 82 runs for one wicket. At the start, 30,000 people saw England strike the first blow through the Yorkshire combination, Hutton and Coxon.

Record Entry For Olympics

London, June 24. A record total of 61 nations will compete in the Olympic games here on July 29 to August 1, said Lord Burghley, Chairman of the British Organising Committee. The previous record was 51 at Berlin in 1936. Lord Burghley also announced preliminary soccer times and places. They included China v. Turkey at Eastbourne on July 26, Burma v. India at Worthing on July 26 and Yugoslavia v. Pakistan at Southern July 27. All matches will be played in the evening. Any replays will be decided on July 28.—Associated Press.

OLYMPIC HOCKEY PROGRAMME

Amsterdam, June 22. The following is the programme for the Olympic field hockey tournament announced by the International Hockey Federation today, following the pooling of entries on Sunday.

August 1: India v. Pakistan; Argentina v. Poland; Great Britain v. Hungary; Czechoslovakia v. Spain; Pakistan v. Belgium; France v. Denmark.

August 2: India v. Poland; Austria v. Palestine; Holland v. Switzerland; Afghanistan v. United States.

August 3: India v. Argentina; Austria v. Poland; Great Britain v. Spain; Czechoslovakia v. Hungary; Pakistan v. Denmark.

August 4: Holland v. United States; France v. Belgium.

August 5: Austria v. Argentina; Palestine v. Poland; Great Britain v. Czechoslovakia; Afghanistan v. Switzerland; Pakistan v. France; Belgium v. Denmark.

August 7 and 8: India v. Palestine; Holland v. Afghanistan; Switzerland v. United States.

August 9: Semi-finals.

August 12: Finals and the game for third place.

The application of Elre to enter the competition was refused by the International Federation.—United Press.

YORKSHIRE RUNS UP A BIG SCORE

Although there was never any trace of slackness, either in the bowling or the fielding of Kent, Yorkshire ran up a big score against them today by consistent batting, keeping them in the field all day.

The later batsmen lived up to the rate of scoring. Smalles and Wardle, in particular, keeping the scorers at work. Smalles, who had scored only

Sportsmen's Preparation

London, June 22. While the thoughts of most British sportsmen are now centred on the summer pastime, football clubs all over the country are busy preparing for the new season which opens on August 21.

Already, close season transfers number well over 100, the largest signing so far being credited to the Cup Finalists, Blackpool, who paid Grimsby Town £10,000 for Willie Wardle, inside left or left winger.

This, however, is likely to be topped if Wilf Mannion, England and Middlesbrough inside forward, is granted his request for a transfer.

The club has refused, but Mannion intends to persist in his application. Clubs known to be interested are Notts County and Wolverhampton, and either would pay a large fee for the services of a player of Mannion's class.—Reuter.

Indian Recreation Club will hold a Wapman Cup Competition on Sunday at 3.30 p.m. Members who wish to participate are requested to be present at the Club by 8 p.m. sharp.

LEAGUE TENNIS RESULTS

The following are the results of League Tennis games played yesterday.

I.R.C. v. RECREIO
At Sookunpoo Club de Recreio beat Indian Recreation Club by nine to nil in the First Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

S. A. Rummel and O. R. Sadlek (I.R.C.)
lost to J. B. Gonsalves and W. Reed 1-6

lost to A. V. Remedios and J. J. Remedios 3-6

lost to H. F. Gonsalves and H. A. Marques 2-6

I.M.A. Razack and O. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)
lost to Gonsalves and Reed 3-6

lost to Remedios and Remedios 3-4

lost to Gonsalves and Marques 5-7

I. Kitchell and K. M. Rummel (I.R.C.)
lost to Gonsalves and Reed 1-6

lost to Remedios and Remedios 1-6

lost to Gonsalves and Marques 1-6

C.R.C. v. A. V. L.R.C.
At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club beat Ladies' Recreation Club by eight sets to one in the First Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

Tsui Wai-pui and Chey Tin-wah (C.R.C.)
lost to R. Sagalen and J. D. Mack 4-6

lost to Saul and W. J. Skinner 6-1

beat P. H. Bonnerman and M. C. Elliot 6-1

Eric Lee and D. C. Luk (C.R.C.)
beat Sagalen and Mackie 6-1

beat Saul and Skinner 6-2

beat Bonnerman and Elliot 6-3

Tsui Yan-pui and Chey Tin-wah (C.R.C.)
beat Sagalen and Mackie 6-0

beat Saul and Skinner 6-2

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JOIE DE VIVRE



JACQUELINE DONNY, "Miss France", is elated after her second selection as "Miss Europe" when the contest was held at Englebin Casino, near Paris. Objections had been raised at her first selection because "Miss Austria" and "Miss Italy" got there too late to compete because of passport difficulties.—AP Photo.

Veterans Thrill Wimbledon Crowd

Wimbledon, Surrey, June 23. After two days of showery weather Wimbledon today had glorious sunshine for the opening of the Men's doubles events, in which all four seeded pairs got safely through.

The veteran French pair, Jean Borotra and Jacques Brugnon, whose combined ages total over 100 years, thrilled the galleries as they did in the old days of 1932 and 1933 when together they won the title, in today's victory over the formidable Polish pair, C. Spychal and I. Tloczinski, in four sets. The Frenchmen still showed much of their old form in winning by 6-4, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3.

The new Commonwealth combination of Britain's Tony Mottram and South Africa's Eric Sturges showed fine understanding in beating B. Forstner and J. Harnes (Scandinavia) by 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

The No. 1 seeded pair, the Americans Frank Parker and B. Falkenberg lost only four games in eliminating the South African British combination of W. Muller and W. Musgrove 6-1, 6-3, 6-0.

Australians Win
The other American pair, Tom Brown and Gardner Mulloy, had a hard first set against the Yugoslav Davis Cup pair of Dragic Milic and Josef Pala, but won the next two comfortably to run out winners by 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

The Australian pair, John Bromwich and Frank Sedgman, caught the eye in eliminating the crack Dutch pair, I. Rinkel and Hans Van Swol, by 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

Indian and Pakistan players competed in the Men's and Mixed doubles matches today with varying success, one of the best wins being registered by Misra and Sawhney in defeating the Italian pair, R. Bossi and F. Quintavalle, in the first round of the Men's doubles.

Another Indian pair, Bose and Nath, though beaten, gave one of the brightest displays of the day in going down to F. Ampon and R. Deyro, of the Philippines. This was a match of splendid colour, with each of the four players contributing their best to a display of grand doubles play.

Results
The results of games played today were:

Men's doubles: 1st round—H. E. Harnes and G. L. Pala (Britain) beat J. Asboth and G. Pate (Hungary) 6-2, 6-7, 7-9, 6-0.

M. Coen (Egypt) and R. Meegren (Holland) beat J. Grith and J. Moore (Britain) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.

David and F. David (Britain) 6-2, 8-6, 7-9, 3-6, 6-0.

A. L. Proctor and J. White (Britain) beat G. Ince and A. N. Other (Austria) 7-9, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.

H. Billington and D. Butler (Britain) beat M. Alara and A. H. Khelkar (Pakistan) 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

F. Ampon and R. Deyro (Philippines) beat Bose and Nath (India) 11-9, 6-3, 6-3.

Misra and Sawhney (India) beat Bossi and Quintavalle (Italy) 6-1, 6-0, 6-4.

G. Meredith and P. G. Smart (Britain) beat K. Nielson and T. Ulrich (Denmark) 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

Remy (France) beat C. N. C. Ritchie and K. J. Ritchie (Britain) 6-2, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles
First and second rounds: L. Bergelin and Madame Landry beat Sawhney and Miss Hoahing 7-5, 6-2.

M. Coen and Miss de Berman beat Van Swol and Mrs. H. Muller 4-6, 7-5, 6-7.

E. Buchi and Miss Suter beat A. Porta and Mrs. P. Knight 9-7, 6-4.

J. Harper and Miss Yorke beat E. Morea and Mrs. Weiss 6-0, 6-3.

D. W. Butler and Mrs. Menzies beat G. Kalena and Mrs. Feterdy 6-6, 6-4.

V. Cornik and Miss Miskova beat H. T. Baxter and Mrs. A. Thomas 4-6, 6-2, 7-4.

M. Mottam and Mrs. Boston beat K. Nielson and Mrs. Anderson 6-1, 6-3.

D. Bose and Mrs. Walker-Smith beat A. Hamburger and Miss Woodgate 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

E. Sturges and Mrs. Summers beat F. Remy and Miss Juncko 6-4, 6-2.

R. Abdolham and Miss Welver beat J. Harnes and Miss Nielson 6-4, 6-3.

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WEEKEND BOWLING

The following are some of the Lawn Bowls Teams for Saturday:

K.B.C.C.
First Team v. Kowloon Cricket Club (Home):—L. R. Whant, C. Downman, J. Fraser and A. J. Hall (skip); E. F. Pope, A. L. G. Eastman, W. C. Simpson and J. McKelvie (skip); E. Greenwood, L. G. Coombe, R. Morrison and L. Sykes (skip).

Second Team v. Hong Kong Football Club (Home):—R. J. Wigginton, N. Lammert, F. A. Atkins and G. E. F. Thompson (skip); R. F. Phillips, M. L. Jardie, L. S. Dinning and L. Gray (skip); W. H. Bailey, J. Hump, C. C. Norman and S. H. Strange (skip).

Reserves:—K. C. Hamilton and F. H. Robinson.

H.K.E.R.C.
Second Division v. Recreation (at Ming Yuen):—E. Fouchon, P. Paul, T. Dier and R. C. Butler (skip); J. O. Stokes, R. de Rome, A. G. Gardner and V. Benel (skip); G. W. K. Crawford, F. H. Hall, J. F. Barron and J. R. Botomley (skip).

H.K.F.C.
First Team v. C.C.C. at C.C.C. green (3.30 p.m.):—B. A. Munsel, J. Hayward, D. Selby and L. Collier (skip); J. Howell, J. O'Grady, N. Rabbington and W. Hollands (skip); J. Bradley, B. Blackford, C. Gough and K. Robertson (skip).

Second Team v. K.B.G.C. at K.B.G.C.'s green:—A. Coleman, E. Kerrison, G. Willerton and C. Strange (skip); H. Dowbiggin, A. Bailey, C. Carr and K. Forrow (skip); L. Hamley, L. Strange, T. Waller and J. Dickson (skip).

FLIPFLOP CLUB
Second Division match against the H.K.C.C. (Away at 4 p.m.):—W. F. Johnston, C. F. Lam, Y. Abbas and W. Field (skip); Alf. Taylor, John Cotton, H. Y. Hsu and R. O. Hughes (skip); L. S. da Silva, F. Rodriguez, J. W. Lee and Dan Rogato (skip).

Reserves:—F. J. Manalao, A. Denn, J. Delgado and J. Lalidaw H.K.C.C.

Second Division v. Philippine Club (Home at 4 p.m.):—R. R. Davies, E. Hospes, W. William, J. Prentice (skip); J. Molau, F. D. Angus, R. A. Edwards and R. H. Wild (skip); R. Phillips, E. R. Mitchell, A. W. Brown and L. E. Lammert (skip).

K.C.C.
First Division v. K.B.G.C. (Away at 4 p.m.):—A. E. P. Guest, S. A. Gray, A. A. Madar and F. Goodwin (skip); V. C. Labrun, F. E. Skinner, T. Loei and E. C. Fincher (skip); J. Loei and C. S. Rosset (skip).

Players are requested to meet Mr. A. Steven on the Hong Kong side Star Ferry at 3.30 p.m.

Second Division v. I.R.C. (Away at 4 p.m.):—H. Gittins, D. Hung, J. Tibble and A. Steven (skip); A. C. Tibble, W. H. Colledge, R. S. Capell and C. Pope (skip); J. Tang, L. Bones, R. Leigh and Geo. Lee (skip).

1st Div. v. H.K.C. Football Club (Home):—J. W. Leonard, L. B. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. McGrath (skip); I. M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, A. M. Omar and J. S. Lardolt (skip); M. A. Baptista, A. S. Razack, K. M. Omar and A. M. Omar (skip).

2nd Div. League Game v. Prison Officers Club (Home):—Francis Lee, H. W. Randall, E. S. Frank and S. H. Marvin (skip); C. A. Coelho, C. W. Lam, J. N. Wong and A. J. Coelho (skip); J. H. Xavier, G. A. Souza, A. H. Rummel and M. J. Medina (skip).

Reserves:—John Pau, S. A. R. Bux.

Friendly Game against Kowloon Cricket Club (Home) on Sunday:—S. Ramechand, G. Hong Choy, L. C. T. Souza, E. S. H. Marvin, B. S. Chow, F. Lee, G. Souza and M. J. Medina; C. A. Coelho, N. Barros, J. H. Xavier and A. J. Coelho; R. O. Baker, S. A. R. Bux, E. Frank and W. Hong Sling.

P.O.C.
A. W. Hircok, J. B. Burn, L. W. Broe and A. J. Jilott (skip); C. Jamison, W. C. Higgs, J. W. Grant and E. W. Robertson (skip); R. Rosen, Dr. I. Shaw, J. E. McGrath and T. M. Fife (skip).

FRIENDLY ENCOUNTER
The following will present K.C.C. against Craigower at Happy Valley on Sunday at 4 p.m.:—A. J. Kew, R. S. Copell, J. Brenzy and H. Gittins; A. Steven, J. Tibble, D. O. McLennan and W. J. Kentes; Geo. Lee, J. Tang, W. Baker and E. Joyce; F. E. Skinner, C. Champelovier, G. Joke and S. B. Trueman.

REMINDER
Members of the H.K.C.C. are reminded that the closing date for entries in the Club singles Championship and Doubles competition will close today.

The draw for the doubles will take place on Saturday and those participating are asked to arrange their games on nights other than Tuesday or Thursday the official practice night.

New York, June 23. Tonight's world heavyweight championship fight between Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott, the open-air Yankee Stadium, has been postponed until tomorrow night because of rain and threatening weather.

The decision was taken by promoter Mike Jacobs shortly after the weighing in ceremony. He had promised an announcement at 7.30 P.M. (GMT) but the rain and a forecast of further threatening weather caused him to reach an earlier decision.

At the weigh-in, Louis scaled 15 stone 3½ pounds, his heaviest fighting weight ever, and Walcott 13 stone 12½ pounds.

This is the first time within living memory that a world heavyweight title fight has been postponed because of weather conditions. However, Louis' first bout with Max Baer was delayed for a day in 1936.

Louis said he would return to his training camp at Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, immediately, and would have a light workout in the hope of keeping his weight and that registered at the weigh-in.

Walcott will remain in New York and do some roadwork through Central Park.

Louis sawed all through the ceremony which was held in semi-privacy in a dressing room.

New York, June 24. Forecasts of showers today threatened another postponement of the heavyweight title fight between Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott at the Yankee Stadium tonight.

Moreover, the Weather Bureau predicted showers for Friday.

Bob Strauss, of the Twentieth Club, declared the bout will be staged tonight "if at all possible." If a deferment becomes necessary it will not be announced "until the last minute." Yesterday's postponement was decided shortly after 2 p.m. EST.

at Madison Square Garden, Walcott was smiling and apparently supremely confident. As far as could be seen, Louis did not exchange one word with Walcott.

Eddie Egan, Chairman of the New York Boxing Commission urged them to make it a good sporting contest and then explained how the judging would be done.

Louis and Walcott, with memories of the controversy over the split decision of their previous fight, listened intently as Egan said: "The officials are going to judge each round as a contest in itself. If the rounds are even then the officials will give their vote on points."

NEW WOMAN'S HURDLE RECORD
Oxford, June 24. Maureen Gardner, the British woman's hurdles champion, set a new world record last night for the 80 meters hurdles clocking 11.2 secs.

The previous record was held by the Dutch athlete, Mrs. F. Blanker Koen, with 11.3 secs. set in 1942.—United Press.

Governor Soong Under Attack

Shanghai, June 24. Reports from Canton said today that popularly elected Kwangtung Provincial Council member blasted at Governor T. V. Soong on his eight month administration, centring their attack on his alleged failure to suppress the Com-

munist and curb commodity prices. The reports said the Council members pointed out that there were only 8,000 Communists eight months ago when Soong assumed governorship, but at present according to official data there are 29,000 despite the claims of 30,000 Communist casualties and captives.

The Kuomintang member, Au Yu-min, criticized Soong's appointment of "pro-Japanese collaborators" as local commanders in the bandit suppression campaign, saying that this alone drove many to become Communists.

Other members claimed that Canton has replaced Shanghai in leading price hikes and warned that the collapse of Kwangtung would ruin Nationalist China.

"Official Capital"
The Democratic Socialist member, Ling Wai-to, said Soong's administration did not support privately-owned industry of mining enterprises but favoured "official capital." The Cantonese, he said, are now "under the rule of Soong and Hong Kong currency," and he feared

that soon the people would be unable to buy anything without Hong Kong dollars. Ling asked if it were true that the Kwangtung Government had made agreements with the United States by which South China would become a "USA base" and that it was a trade that imported U.S. goods are allowed a percent discount on import duty.

Soong, who was present in the chamber during the session, confined his reply to the statement that inflation is due to the civil war and to the National Government's unbalanced budget. The term "official capital" is a slogan used by the Communists and asked the members not to be misled by it.

He asked for the assistance of the members in helping the president of the Communists, who said "cannot be eliminated" in three or six months.—United Press.